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#### Price Highlights Success of Diabetes Program on Capitol Hill

Community Health Nurse Becky Price spoke on behalf of Pokagon Health Services and its diabetes program during the National Indian Health Board's (NIHB) briefing on Capitol Hill on December 5.

According to NIHB Chairperson Cathy Abramson, the Special Diabetes Program for Indians is saving lives, lowering medical costs and demonstrating a significant return on the federal investment. Between 1995 and 2006, the incident rate of end stage renal disease in American Indian and Alaska Natives living with diabetes fell nearly 28 percent, a greater decline than any other ethnic group.

Becky Price told attendees that one of the Pokagon's program focuses is ensuring the youth in the community are healthy and exercising so not to develop diabetes as adults.

"We need that special touch to reach out to the youth and SDPI gives us that. We have to reach them in creative ways. We have to get them out of the risk pool for diabetes early. We need more success stories," added Price.

"I just got up there and used my personal experiences with my family and what we need to do to move forward, working with our youth to prevent diabetes," remembered Price. "I got commended by the NIHB stating my presentation really made the biggest impact. One NIHB member was moved to tears."

American Indians and Alaska Natives are burdened disproportionately with type 2 diabetes at a rate of 2.8 times the national average. Congress established the SDPI in 1997



as part of the Balanced Budget Act to address the growing epidemic of diabetes in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. As SDPI is set to expire in September 2014, the program must be renewed this year to ensure that critical programs across the country may continue. Currently, SDPI provides grants for 404 programs in 34 states.

"NIHB encourages tribal leaders and members in Congress to continue to step up and fight hard to sustain this important program," said Abramsom. "We ask that support is present again for the upcoming reauthorization. SDPI is a program that has proven to help our people become healthier."

#### Community as Family: How Fostering Can Make a Difference

Not long ago, when Shannon Snay and her husband Mike lived in Jackson, Michigan, they remember reading about the need for foster care for Pokagon children, and thinking it was something they felt called to do.

"It was a dream of ours that we would do in the future. We had raised six of our own, and we had two left to graduate," she said. "We thought after the youngest two left, we would be ready to start the process."

Once they did start the process, they found it moved very quickly. Now the Snays, pictured above with their family, live near Dowagiac in the first tribally-owned foster home.

"The need was greater than what you expected," Snay said. For her, one of the best parts of fostering has been seeing how happy the children are.

"It's humbling. They are awesome; we've seen positive changes. They're excited to go to school, they show better behavior," Snay said. "They're excited to be tribal members."

The family attends as many tribal activities as they can. The children are getting regalia, are learning to dance, and taking language classes. Shannon is also learning; she's acquired more



language now that she's involved the children more with the Band.

"We do what we would do with our own children; treat them like they're our own. We hope when they grow they'll embrace family values, and maybe take that back to their families."

After seeing the positive outcome of this fostering arrangement, two of the Snay's older children are now following in their parent's path and considering fostering and adopting native children.

"I would suggest anybody give it a try, the process is nothing like what you might imagine," Snay recommends. "It opens your eyes and helps you become more involved in your own culture, and how important it is for the whole community to be a family."

If you'd like to learn more about fostering Pokagon children, please contact Ann Morsaw-Banghart, foster care and adoptions worker, at (269) 462-4216.

#### Stay Safe This Winter

#### By Liz Leffler, community health nurse

Winter is here, filled with activities that make this cold time of year fun for the whole family. Sledding, skiing, snowmobiling, snowboarding, hockey and ice skating can be a blast, but many kids could end up in the ER for winter sports injuries. Head, neck, and other injuries can occur when kids run into trees or large rocks. When playing sports on the ice, it is safer to skate on a rink than on a pond. If a pond is all that you have available, please check the thickness of the ice and watch your kids while they skate. When snowmobiling travel in groups and make sure someone knows where the snowmobilers are going. Other tips:

- Know your machine and its capabilities.
- Respect snowmobilers and yield to those who have the right of way.
- If it's necessary to snowmobile on frozen bodies of water, do so with extra caution.
- When crossing a roadway, make sure the way is clear in both directions.
- Operate at a reasonable and prudent speed for trail conditions.
- Remember that alcohol and snowmobiles don't mix.

#### **Cold Weather Concerns**

Each winter more people experience respiratory illnesses and other viruses. Encourage your children and family to wash hands well and frequently, cover mouths when sneezing and coughing, and boost immune systems by keeping bundled up and warm. Some children don't know when they should come in from the cold. Check on your children when they are out playing in the cold. Monitor for signs and symptoms of frost nip or frost bite. Frostnip is an early warning sign of the onset of frostbite. It leaves the skin white and numb. After bringing your child inside, remove all wet clothing because it draws heat from the body. Immerse the chilled body parts in warm (not hot) water, 104–108°F until they are able to feel sensation again.

Frostbite occurs mostly on fingers, toes, ears, noses, and cheeks. The area becomes very cold and turns white or yellowish gray. If you notice frostbite, take your child immediately to the nearest hospital emergency room. To help prevent frostnip and frostbite be sure to have warm and dry gloves, coats, hats, and other protective wear for cold weather. Be sure your kids have a snack before going out into the cold this will give there bodies' energy in the cold weather.

#### Home Safe and Warm

Install a functioning smoke alarm near bedrooms and on each floor of your home. Test it monthly. If it has a 9-volt battery, change the battery once a year. Install a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm near bedrooms and on each floor of your home. If your alarm sounds, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

suggests that you press the reset button, call emergency services (911 or your local fire department), and immediately move to fresh air (either outdoors or near an open door or window). Know the symptoms of CO poisoning: headache, fatigue, dizziness, and shortness of breath. If you experience any of these symptoms, get fresh air right away and contact a doctor for proper diagnosis.

Make sure heating equipment is installed properly. Have a trained specialist inspect and tune up your heating system each year. If you use a wood-burning stove, have the chimney connection and flue checked each year. Make sure the stove is placed on an approved stove board to protect the floor from heat and coals. Never use your range or oven to heat your home, even for a short time.

#### Surviving a Winter Storm

Before cold weather hits, make sure you have a way to heat your home during a power failure. Keep a multipurpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher nearby when using alternative heating sources. Keep on hand extra blankets, flashlights with extra batteries, matches, a first aid kit, manual can opener, snow shovel and rock salt, and special needs items (e.g., diapers). Stock a few days' supply of water, required medications, and food that does not need to be refrigerated or cooked. Monitor the temperature of your home. Infants and persons over age 65 are especially susceptible to cold. If it's not possible to keep your home warm, stay with friends or family or in a shelter. Dress in several layers to maintain body heat. Covering up with blankets can also conserve heat.

#### Walking in Cold

Dress in layers and wear boots with nonskid soles. Wear a bright scarf or hat or reflective gear so drivers can see you. Walk on sidewalks if possible. If sidewalks are covered in snow and ice and you must walk in the street, walk against the flow of traffic and as close to the curb as you can.

Don't wear a hat or scarf that blocks your vision or makes it hard for you to hear traffic.

When traveling with babies or small children, dress them in bright or reflective clothing. Always keep children, whether in a stroller or on foot in front of you and as close to the curb as possible.

Before you step off the curb, make sure oncoming cars and trucks have come to a complete stop.

#### Driving

Be sure that you clean off your car completely before driving. Slow down. Driving fast in the winter can cause unnecessary accidents. If you plan to go on long trips be sure to pack a first aid kit, warm blankets, and extra gloves in the car.

### Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Pokégnek Yajdanawa is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in Pokegnek Yajdanawa. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the fourteenth of each month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047 Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

#### The Pokagons Lego League Team Takes on Nature's Fury

#### By Ray Bush

The Pokagon Band Lego League Team competed in the First Lego League Qualifying Tournament in Grandville, Michigan November 23.

This year's theme for competition was Nature's Fury. Teams throughout the world answered a Challenge based on a real scientific topic. Each Challenge has three parts: the Robot Game, the Project and the Core Values. Teams of up to ten children, with one adult coach, participate in the Challenge by programming an autonomous robot to score points on a themed playing field (Robot Game), developing a solution to a problem they have identified (Project), all guided by the Core Values.

Competition Day was long, but well worth the efforts of our coaches, mentors, parents, and especially the students. The kids had worked together as a team in all aspects during the months leading up to this glorious day, and it showed. At one point our robot had several technical difficulties and the invention prototype broke during presentation. Did these set-backs discourage our team? Not one bit! They

persevered, repaired, and continued on like champions. The judges recognized the team's great attitude and awarded us with the "Against All Odds" trophy, which is now proudly displayed in the Education Department.

This year's team consisted of Madison Cabrillas, Tommy Gamache, Emily and Molly Potter, Ryan Roach, and Justin Townsend with Coaches Kristie Bussler and Diana Smith. Jordan Townsend, although a bit too young to be an official member of the team, added his skills and talents throughout the season.

Mentors for the team were Ray Bush, Jim Bussler, Autumn Cabrillas, Tim Craig, Patricia Gamache, Mark McConnell, Melissa Potter and Rick Roach.

The Pokagons 2013 team is proud of our accomplishments and is looking forward to 2014 and its LEGO challenges. We plan to purchase more robots and other equipment for next year. Children between the ages of 9 and 14 are encouraged to join the fun filled activities. If you're interested, please contact the Pokagon Education Department at (800) 517–0777 for further details. Don't miss out on all the fun!







#### **Conservation Officer Added to Tribal Law Enforcement Roster**

Officer Kevin Modlin assumed his new role as the Pokagon conservation officer October 1. Modlin, who has been with the Police Department since 2009, will patrol tribal trust lands enforcing the Band's conservation laws, citizens' hunting, fishing and gathering rights, and off road vehicle use.

"Tribal police officers have so many areas of responsibility—casino calls, road assistance, law enforcement—that we found we needed one person to cover all the areas of conservation," said Capt. Chris Vancompernolle.

A grant from the Administration for Native Americans provides fifty percent of the conservation officer's yearly salary for two years, and after that the position will be covered by the Police Department's annual operating budget.

Thus far into his tenure, Modlin says he has responded to complaints of trespassing and illegal logging and has removed some unmarked tree stands and trapping lines. Although he will react to any calls, the majority of his proactive patrol time will be focused in Cass and Van Buren Counties, where most hunting, gathering and fishing happens.

"Our records management data will tell us where we need to focus our time," said Capt. Vancompernolle. "Monthly evaluation of the stats can help determine if changes are necessary." Officer Modlin will attend a land management police training with the Indian Police Academy in 2014 and also work on becoming a hunter safety instructor, trapper safety instructor, and an off road vehicle safety instructor. He took part in the Trapper Education Field Day the Band offered in early December (photos at right).

"We had 15 or 20 attendees there, learning about outdoor survival and safe trapping and release practices," he said.

"Kevin's interest and enthusiasm for the position made him a natural fit for this," said Capt. Vancompernolle.

Officer Modlin's uniform is olive green rather than police blue, and he drives a specially-detailed vehicle for his patrols that looks less like a law enforcement vehicle, yet has reflective letters and icons. According to the officers, it's "good for people in the field to know who you are, but in conservation you want to get pretty close to them before they know that."

Capt. Vancompernolle stressed that all tribal police officers have the authority to enforce conservation law, and that conservation officers can enforce state law. "They're all equally empowered—federally, state and locally—to serve as best they can."

Officer Modlin can be reached at (269) 462-5902 or Kevin.Modlin@pokagonband-nsn.gov.







#### Apprentices Learn Skills that Strengthen Tribal Economy, Build Self-Sufficiency

As twelve Pokagon apprentices already know, the Band's carpenter apprenticeship program—now in its third year—gives Pokagons the chance to develop not only job skills, but a career.

Andrew Ridenour's a busy man. He has a family, works and is a second-year apprentice. The program has allowed him the flexibility to do all three.

"It's awesome," he said. "I can get college credits. We've had great teachers; a lot of people are really committed."

Ridenour applied what he has learned in the classroom toward the building of the 32 new homes recently opened at Pokégnek Édawat.

"I hung windows and doors, did trim and baseboards and casings, anything we could," he said.

Apprentices will become journeyman carpenters after completing the program's four years. The Pokagon Band Apprenticeship Program is registered by the United States Department of Labor. The program requires a minimum of

144 classroom hours of instruction per year for each of the four years and requires 8,000 hours of construction related work experience.

Tim Downing, also in the apprenticeship's second year, appreciates the chance to help the tribe.

"We are able to do things for the tribe, and it's really good to give back after they've invested so much in us," he said.

Tim said he and his wife Lisa Downing sold their business in California to move here in part because of the apprenticeship program.

"I love it, working outside and building," he said. Downing worked on framing and trim for windows and doors for the new homes as well.

"Our teachers have been really good, taking the time to explain everything and not moving forward until we all understand it."

Both Ridenour and Downing hope to open their own carpenter business someday.

"In our fourth year the instructor will teach us about compliance with codes and get us trained up to prepare for the licensing test," said Ridenour. "I'm hoping I can get my contractor's license and contract with the tribe."

Downing added that once his business is running, he hopes to hire some of the newer apprentices to come work for him.

Both apprentices say they like the program so much they have recruited future students from their families: Ridenour's dad plans on starting in the next class, and Downing's brother in law is signed up to start the next year. If you're interested in learning more about joining the program, call (269) 462-4273.



www.pokagonband-nsn. gov/careers/apprenticeshipprogram







#### Council Members and Veterans Enjoy a Weekend of Connections

The Language and Culture Department planned a Multi-generational Leadership Forum for members of Elders Council, Tribal Council, both Youth Councils and the Veterans group Saturday and Sunday, November 23–24. The Forum, themed *Each One Teach One*, involved networking, encouragement, and traditional teachings; it was to be held at Bear Cave Resort in Buchanan, Michigan. The weekend culminated with more teambuilding at the Detroit Lions game at Ford Field in Detroit

Due to problems at the resort, Saturday's activities had to be postponed, but the group still was able to connect and enjoy other leaders' company at Ford Field.

Melissa Rodriguez, chair of the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow committee, led a trivia game "How Well Do You Know Your Councils?" for the group during the bus ride to Detroit.

"I had a wonderful time," she said. "There's no better way to spend a Sunday than with our youth, our elders and our veterans!"

"I hope they reschedule the leadership forum," Roger Rader, Tribal Council member at large, said. "It's always good to meet with each leader, and talking circles are always good for learning about each other and building up your confidence."

All Council members were invited. If other spots became available, they were offered to citizens who regularly participate in meetings and other activities.

"We wanted to blend various age groups and leadership styles into a collaborative and progressive program," said Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator. "We're seeking constant improvement of the tribe."

The Lions game a featured Salute to Veterans, including a surprise reunion at halftime of a military member serving in Afghanistan with his wife and children.







#### January is National Stalking Awareness Month

#### **By Casey Kasper**

Normally when we think about stalking, we think it only happens to celebrities, by obsessed fans. However stalking is incredibly common among domestic violence victims. It is estimated that 17 percent of Native American

women will experience stalking at some point in their lives. This is more than any other group of women.

Stalking is a serious issue that impacts our community. It is difficult to recognize, however, making it hard to report. Stalkers will use many tactics to track their victims, including unwanted phone calls, visits, text messages, and gifts, as well as breaking into someone's home, and making threats to harm the victim, those close to the victim, and pets, just to name a few. Stalkers may have their family or friends harass the



victim as well. One in four victims have reported that technology, such as computers, GPS, hidden cameras, and recording devices were used to track them. These tactics make the victim feel very unsafe. Stalking is frequently used by abusers to control their

partners at all points in the relationship. Stalking is especially dangerous after the victim has left the abuser. Research shows that the most dangerous time for a domestic violence victim is after they have left the relationship.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence help is available. You may contact Casey Kasper, Victim Services Manager/Case Worker at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov for information on safety planning and referrals programs in your area.

#### **Domestic Violence Support Group to Start in 2014**

The Domestic Violence Program will begin offering a support group for women who are currently experiencing or have experienced domestic violence. Sessions will focus on safety planning, self-worth, rebuilding after a violent relationship, and parenting with an abusive partner, among other topics.

Your safety is very important. One of the most dangerous times for a domestic violence survivor is leaving the relationship. All group participation will be confidential. Also group participants are asked not to share any information about other group participants, in order to keep everyone safe.

No official time or location has been set for group. Please let me know what works best for you. If you are interested in participating in the support group or have any questions please feel free to contact Casey Kasper, Victim Services Manager/Case Worker at (269) 462-4324 at any time.

#### **Pokagon Health Services Announces Extended Hours**

The Pokagon Health Clinic will offer extended hours once a week each Thursday evening starting January 9, 2014. Should extended hours become a big hit, staff will look at adding extended hours on more days of the week.

Thursday night extended hours will go until 7:00 p.m., but transportation won't be offered. Please call (269) 782-4141 for appointments during extended hours, or if you have any questions.

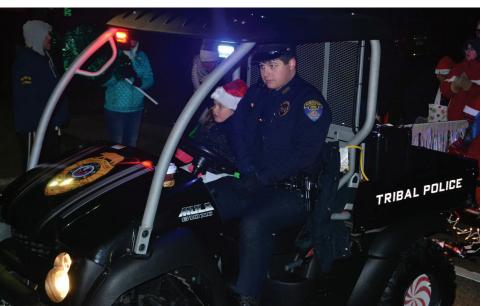






#### Pokagons March in the Dowagiac Candlelight Christmas Parade





The Language and Culture department created a Christmas float and invited Pokagon and Head Start children to participate in the annual Dowagiac Christmas parade Friday, December 6. The department also encouraged the children to create an ugly Christmas sweater and provided kits—along with little

Shop with a Cop Helps Make Happy Holidays for

**Pokagon Kids** 

Officers with the Pokagon Tribal Police Department, staff of the Language and Culture Department, and the Cass County Sheriffs Department K-9 unit (a.k.a Tiffany Graves and her bloodhound, Nellie) made the holiday brighter for a few Pokagon youth recently. The Elders Council and the Youth Councils each donated \$500 for the kids to shop for holiday gifts for their families at the Niles Wal-Mart, which generously provided cookies, punch and a visit with Santa. Officers accompanied the youth on their shopping spree, lending a positive interaction with law enforcement. A Wal-Mart shopper who saw the group was so impressed with the kids he offered to add \$20 of his own to the amount they had to spend.





bowties, hair bows, and Santa hats—for children 8 years or younger. More than 40 Pokagon children rode on or walk alongside the float and passed out candy to parade viewers.

# Chi Ishobak to Participate in The Leadership Journey II Training Series

Chi Ishobak has been selected, along with 14 other native CDFI's, to participate in the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund's (CDFI Fund) Capacity Building Initiative training series designed specifically for native organizations. The native CDFIs will be a part of The Leadership Journey II: Continuing Native CDFI Growth & Excellence training series for two years, during which time they will develop leadership skills and resources to further staff growth and increase organizational performance.

In March of 2014 representatives from the CDFIs gather to participate in the kick-off meeting for the cohort. Over the course of four days, participants will engage in exercises, group activities, and case studies that focus on staff and human resource management; leadership styles, techniques, and best practices; raising debt and equity from private sources; understanding sustainability practices through product offering management; and succession plans. The training will be delivered through a peer-based learning format.

The Leadership Journey will offer three additional cohort training events over the next two years along with customized technical assistance. The next training is scheduled for August 18–22, 2014 and will be held at the NeighborWorks® America Training Institute in Orlando, FL. Cohort members will be able to access a wide range of trainings through the Institute, all tailored to their leadership and resource development needs.

The Leadership Journey is funded by the CDFI Fund as part of its overall Capacity Building Initiative and is delivered through NeighborWorks® America, in partnership with Seven Sisters Development Group.

To learn more about the Capacity Building Initiative, or the CDFI Fund's other programs, please visit www. cdfifund.gov/.

#### 2nd Annual Youth Council Christmas Party Brings Together Hundreds



Dowagiac Union High School was crowded with party goers Saturday, December 14 at the annual Youth Council Christmas bash. Kids visited with Santa Claus and everyone enjoyed games, music, food and contests. "We had a wonderful evening at the Christmas party. It was good to see so much team work!" said

one attendee. Commented another, "You guys did a wonderful job! The food was good, the company was nice and it was so well organized! Job well done! Photos by Jason S. Wesaw

#### **Luncheon Honors Pokagon Veterans**



The community paid tribute to its veterans at an honor luncheon marking Veterans Day at the Community Center Saturday, November 9.A table was set









with symbolic items in remembrance of those who haven't returned from their service. *Photos by Necole Wesaw* 

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# **Counselors and Specialty Service Providers Needed for Culture Camp 2014**

The Department of Language and Culture is looking for Camp Counselors and specialty service providers for the Summer Youth Culture Camp for the positions of: 1) lifeguard 2) nurse 3) caterer 4) Junior Camp Counselor and 5) Senior Camp Counselor. The lifeguard will only be needed for identified days and times of the camp, but the nurse and caterer are required to be available for the duration of the camp – which is scheduled for June 17 - 27, 2014. All camp staff is required to attend a mandatory orientation and training, date to be announced.

#### **Counselor Requirements:**

- At least 18 years of age for Junior Counselors
- Prior experience working with youth for Senior Counselors
- Culturally knowledgeable, sensitive and open minded.
- High school graduate/college preferred
- Experience working with youth, classroom management, and public speaking.
- Must be able to work as a team.
- Physically capable to participate in most camp activities
- Available from June 17 27,2013
- Able to pass a criminal background check, drug screening, and fingerprinting If you are interested in being a part of the 2014 Culture Camp team, please contact Heather Farver in the Human Resources Department at (269) 462-4267.

#### **Riddle**

Mail in your correct answer or e-mail it to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov in the Department of Education and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card. WAIT... another way to win is to mail or e-mail your own riddle and the person whose riddle is selected for the next newsletter will win a gift card.

Last month's riddle winner is Caitlin Williams who answered, "What starts with the letter T, is filled with T and ends in T?" The answer was "A Teapot."

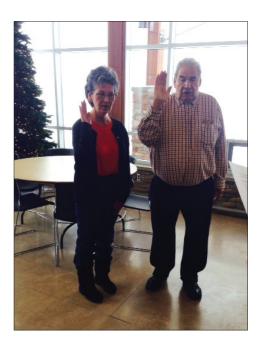
Kathy Church's riddle was selected, so she also won a gift card. Check out her riddle

"What is the longest word?"

#### **DV Program Seeks Cultural Presenters**

The Domestic Violence program is looking for cultural presenters to run monthly cultural presentations. You do not have to be a domestic violence survivor to get involved, however we do ask that you focus your presentation on healthy relationships, respect, and the importance of women in the community. All presenters will be paid for up to two hours of work, in addition to mileage and supply reimbursement.

If you have any additional questions or are interested in getting involved please contact Casey Kasper, Victim Services Manager/Case Worker at (269) 462-4324 or via e-mail at casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



Maxine Margiotta and Clarence White took their oaths of office as vice chair and treasurer, respectively, for the Elders Council Saturday, December 14.

# Pokagon Enrichment Program Provides Funds for Unique Experience

By Keith Hanson



My experience at the National Youth Leaders Forum on National Security (NYLFNS) in October was an excellent professional and personal development experience. I was able to participate in a simulation of a national crisis where each student played a different role representing our nation's government: President, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, Director of the CIA, etc. The simulation did an excellent job of developing my leadership skills by putting me in a position to lead a team through the needs of the simulation. I received anonymous feedback from my mentors about my abilities to work in a group.

We also visited places of great importance to the forum and also our nation's history such as the trip to

Arlington cemetery to see the changing of the guard and the laying of the wreaths. Overall this trip has been able to develop me as a person and as a student in more ways than I can count.

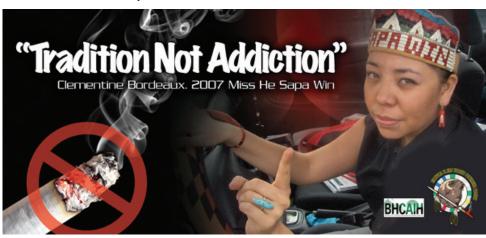
Keith is 15 years old and a tenth grader at North Vigo High School, Terre Haute, Indiana. Visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/education/k-12-programs/enrichment-programs for more details on how you can participate.



#### Happy 2014! Welcome to the New National GED Changes

All GED tests will now be computer-based, updated to fit national core requirements and with changes to the question format. If you would like to pursue a GED or have any questions, please contact our office at (888) 330-1234 and ask for Traci or Diana.

#### Traditional Use, Not Abuse



The Freedom from Smoking Program is now available for tribal citizens, spouses, and Pokagon Band employees. Kick off the New Year healthy by kicking the habit of nicotine use. A new session led by a tribal citizen will begin on Thursday, January 2, at 6:00 pm. at the Community Center. If you are interesting in participating or have any questions please contact Lorraine K. Grewett (269) 782-4570 or stop by the Pokagon Health Services Pharmacy. Please join us and let's kick some butts together.





January 16, 2014 | 6:00pm-7:30pm **Community Center** 













The Department of Language & Culture invites all Pokagon tribal citizens to attend a meeting to discuss the roles and responsibilities to our Clans. Please come with the ability to share and receive each others' teachings. We will also explore how to provide appropriate information regarding our Clan system.

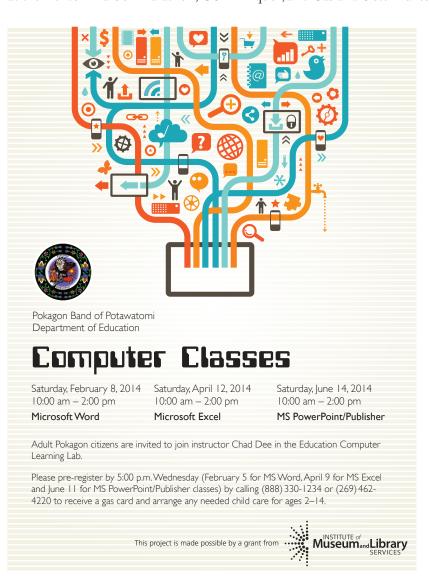
- **Talking Circle forum** 
  - All Pipes welcomed Giveaway
- Dinner to be provided
- Potluck desserts

ue Ogima ought to attend to two things with much attention. The first is that they and their Clan keep and comply exactly with the laws of their nation. The second, that they consult with much vigilance and care, touching the common and special affairs of their Clan. The Man who knows not how to govern his e and family will know much less how to rule the nation..." NANABOUSHO/WINABOJO saying...as retold by Shupshewanna, The Good Red Road

RSVP to Jefferson Ballew at (269) 462-4282, (269) 462-5581 cell or Jefferson.Ballew@pokagonband-nsn.gov

#### **Fuel Station Changes**

After November 30, the Hartford Citgo station will no longer offer tax exempt motor fuel for Pokagon citizens. Citizens can still make tax exempt fuel purchases at the Benton Harbor Marathon, US 12 Liquor, and Gas and Sister Lakes Marathon.





Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education

#### Career Workshop

Saturday, January 11 10:00 am - 2:00pm

Saturday, March 8 10:00 am - 2:00pm

Saturday, May 10 10:00 am - 2:00pm

Online Job Search, Resume Submit- Dealing with Barriers to tal & Using Social Networking

Adult Pokagon citizens are invited to join instructor Lanre Ajayi in the Education Training Room. We will provide adult tribal citizens with child care, gas cards to cover transportation to and from workshop, and a \$30 gift card to the movies. Treat yourself after doing something good for your future!

As space and child care assistance is limited, please pre-register by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior (Jan 8, Mar 5 and May 7) at (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220.



#### **Learn More About PHS's Hotline**

The Pokagon Health Services Hotline is available at (800) 775-1008 or www. reportlineweb.com/PokagonBand 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Below is a Q&A that might clarify the Hotline's purpose.

#### Q. What is the Health Services Hotline?

The Hotline is an anonymous reporting tool that provides patients and staff the opportunity to report potential misconduct in the workplace.

#### Q. May I report using either the Internet or the telephone?

Yes, by giving you choices, the Hotline ensures that members of our community can file a report anonymously and in the manner most comfortable or convenient to them

#### Q. Why do we need a reporting tool like the Hotline?

Reporting hotlines have proven to be an effective tool in reducing losses and helping to protect institutional financial strength.

#### Q. Does Tribal Council really want me to report?

Yes. In fact, we need you to report. You know what is going on in your department both good and bad. You may have initial knowledge of an activity that may be cause for concern. Your reporting can minimize the negative impact related to potential misconduct.

## Q. Does the Hotline replace reporting situations to the manager or other offices? What type of situations should I report on the Hotline?

The Hotline does not replace any of our standard reporting tools, but there are several good reasons why you should consider using the Hotline as well. First, the Hotline ensures that your report gets to the appropriate people. More importantly, reports can be filed anonymously and all report information is secure and held in the strictest confidence.

The Hotline is designed to accept reports for the following type of concerns.

- 1. Financial matters relating to accounting or internal control issues, fraud, theft or other financial issues.
- 2. Regulatory matters relating to confidentially issues, falsification of reports or other issues.
- 3. Information technology matters relating to the inappropriate use of technology or misuse of technology resources.
- 4. Misconduct of staff relating to citizens.
- 5. Any situation in which you were uncomfortable with at the clinic.

# Q. Is the Hotline an appropriate reporting tool for something as personal and important as sexual harassment?

If you are uncomfortable contacting the Director, of Health Services, sexual harassment reports can be taken over the Hotline.

#### Q. What shouldn't I report using the Hotline?

The Hotline is not a "911" service for emergency issues or actions.

#### Q. Can I file a report from home and still remain anonymous?

A report from home, a neighbor's computer, or any internet portal will remain secure and anonymous. An internet portal never identifies a visitor by screen name so that anonymity is totally maintained. Plus, the Hotline is contractually committed not to pursue a reporter's identity.

# Q. I am concerned that the information I provide the Hotline will ultimately reveal my identity. How can you assure me that will not happen? The Hotline system is designed to protect your personal identity. However, you as a reporting party need to ensure that the body of the report does not reveal your identity by accident, for example, "From my cube next to Jan Smith, I saw ..." or "In my 33 years..."

# Q. I am not sure what I have observed or heard is a violation of policy, or misconduct, but it just does not look right to me. What should I do? File a report. The Hotline can help you prepare and file your report so it can be properly understood. We'd rather you reported a situation that turned out to be harmless than let possible misconduct go unchecked because you weren't sure.

#### Q. Where do these reports go? Who can access them?

Reports are entered directly on a secure server operated by an independent company. The reports are available only to specific individuals within the department who are charged with evaluating the type of violation and location of the incident. Each of these report recipients has had training in keeping these reports in the utmost confidence. The Hotline system and staff are trained and committed to ensure that no report is ever shared with implicated parties, their peers, or subordinates.

#### Tribal Council January Calendar of Events

- 6 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 7 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Council, Community Center 10 a.m.
- 13 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 14 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 20 Offices Closed in observance of MLK Day holiday
- 21 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 27 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 28 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m..

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

#### Tribal Council **February** Calendar of Events

- 3 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 4 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 8 Tribal Council, Community Center 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- II Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 12 Legislative Session, Community Center 6 p.m.
- 17 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 18 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 24 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 25 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

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# **Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications**

To maintain effective communications, it is critical that citizens keep their addresses—and those of their children—updated. Many addresses currently in our system are out of date or undeliverable. If you move, please let the enrollment office know as soon as possible, and have your and your dependent's address updated. If your bank account is closed, we mail a live check to you in the next Per Capita check run. If your address is undeliverable, you will not receive this check until you have updated your address.

Contact enrollment coordinator Beth Edelberg at (888)782-1001 to change your address.

#### Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment Office at (269) 782–1763 or Barb Vincent in the Finance Department at (269) 462–4209.

		Christmas					
Enrollment #	Name	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	Х	х	х	х	х	
178	Rhianon Wesaw						Х
202	Jeffrey Morseau					Х	Х
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	Х	х	Х	Х	Х	Х
857	Peter John Ramirez	Х	х	х	Х	Х	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	Х	х	х	х	х	
1598	Siloman Askin Temple					Х	
1799	Janet Ann Ulleg					х	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			х	Х	Х	Х
2348	Ashland Amber Quier					х	
2429	Larry Pierce Jr.					х	
2595	James Hamstra				х	х	
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		х	х	Х	Х	Х
4442	Mason Tyler Currey					х	

Please note - you must have a deliverable address on file.

#### Attention 18- to 20-Year-Olds | Per Capita Information

Attention all high school seniors who are graduating from high school or individuals who may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Attn: Enrollment Office P O Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047 OR fax to: (269) 782-1964

The document must be received by February 15 in order to make it on the March 2014 check run. Anything received after February 15 will be processed on the check run for April. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

#### Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, December 6, 2013	Thursday, December 19, 2013	Friday, December 20, 2013
Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Thursday, January 30, 2014	Friday, January 31, 2014
Friday, February 14, 2014	Thursday, February 27, 2014	Friday, February 28, 2014
Friday, March 14, 2014	Thursday, March 27 2014	Friday, March 28, 2014
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Tuesday, April 29, 2014	Wednesday, April 30, 2014
Thursday, May 15, 2014	Thursday, May 29, 2014	Friday, May 30, 2014
Friday, June 13, 2014	Thursday, June 26, 2014	Friday, June 27, 2014
Tuesday, July 15, 2014	Wednesday, July 30, 2014	Thursday, July 31, 2014
Friday, August 15, 2014	Thursday, August 28, 2014	Friday, August 29, 2014
Monday, September 15, 2014	Monday, September 29, 2014	Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Wednesday, October 15, 2014	Thursday, October 30, 2014	Friday, October 31, 2014
Monday, November 3, 2014*	Tuesday, November 25, 2014	Wed, November 26, 2014

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that in December the deadline to receive changes is December 6 and November the deadline to receive changes is November 3, this is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

#### Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

For those tribal citizens receiving per capita checks in the mail and who do not have direct deposit, enclosed with your check you will find a direct deposit and a tax withholding form. These will be included with your check every month until we achieve 100% direct deposits.

The tribe is currently having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe is offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. We are making efforts to give everyone a chance to set up a bank account of your choice and on your own.

As always, the tax withholding form is not mandatory although highly suggested as per capita payments are subject to federal and state taxes. The tribe only withholds federal taxes with a completed form, state taxes are the responsibility of the citizen

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. Both of the above stated forms are available online at www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as I receive it by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as I do not receive any errors from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

There is no published elders lunch menu for January. Please call (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717 if you wish to know what is being served that day. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 noon.

# Comment Needed from Elders on Request to Amend Elders Stipend Program

The Elders Council is seeking public comment from elders on a request to amend the Elders Stipend Program ("Program"). Under the Program, eligible elders currently receive a monthly stipend ("Elders Stipend"). The Elders Stipend is paid in addition to the monthly per capita payment paid to eligible Band Citizens.

Under the Program as it is currently established, payment of the Elders Stipend "will continue until the program ceases or upon the death of the individual elder." The Tribal Council received a request to amend the Program to allow a non-Citizen spouse of an elder to receive the Elders Stipend after the death of the individual elder (the "Requested Amendment").

The Tribal Council sought the perspective of the Elders Council on the Requested Amendment by asking the Elders Council whether it supports the Requested Amendment. The Elders Council discussed the Amendment with the elders at a recent Elders Council meeting; however, the Elders Council wants to provide an opportunity for additional public comment by elders before the Elders Council decides whether it supports the Requested Amendment.

The Elders Council is seeking public comment from elders on the Requested Amendment. Comments may be provided by email or in writing. All comments must be received by the Elders Council not later than February 7, 2014. Comments must be delivered to:

If by e-mail:

If by mail: Elders Council Re: Elders Stipend Program P.O. Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047

Elders.Council@pokagonband-nsn.gov

If you have any questions concerning this Request for Public Comment by Elders, please contact the Elders Council at (269)782-0765.



#### **ELDERS SNOWPLOW MONETARY REQUEST** APPLICANT INFORMATION Name: Current address: ZIP Code: City: State: Tribal Enrollment # Phone Number SNOWPLOW COMPANY/INDIVIDUAL INFORMATION Name: Current address: ZIP Code: City: State: Phone: This is for Pokagon elders anywhere in the U.S. to be reimbursed for snowplow

This is for Pokagon elders anywhere in the U.S. to be reimbursed for snowplow services. You are responsible for finding your own service provider. Please complete and send to Petey Boehm, elders specialist, Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047. Call (800) 859-2717 with questions, or visit <a href="www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/elders-council/upcoming-elders-events-and-projects">www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/elders-council/upcoming-elders-events-and-projects</a> for the online application.

By signing, I affirm that all information provided on this form to be true and correct. I also affirm that I understand that this request is limited to up to \$25 per request, with requester being responsible for any amount greater than \$25 and that the request is limited to \$100 for the 2013-2014 snow season.

Signature of applicant	Date
8 rr	

### **Blood Pressure**

Native American adults are **1.3** times more likely to have high blood pressure.

**120 / 80** normal blood pressure is at or below

Native American adults are almost **2x** more likely to die from diabetes-related complications.

100 mg/dL

Blood Sugar



### **Cholesterol Levels**

200 mg/dL

40 mg/dL

LDL (BAD! CHOLESTEROL)
130 mg/dL

Traditionally, Native Americans were very active.

# **Body Mass Index (BMI)**

underweight <18.5 normal weight 18.5–24.9 overweight 25–29.9 obese 30 or greater



**30%** OF NATIVE AMERICAN ADULTS ARE OBESE.





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#### Kche Gises January Citizen Announcements



Happy 21st birthday to **Richard Dale Newcomer IV** January 29. From my arms to a man...unbelievable how quickly time goes by.

Have a great day (LM)!

Love

Mom, Tony, Michael, Tori, Grandma Manley-Harwood, Jess and Grandpa Manley (watching from above)

Happy belated 22nd birthday to **Michael Lawrence Newcomer** December 26. You are one remarkable young man!

Love,

Mom, Tony, Richard, Tori, Grandma Manley-Harwood, Jess and Grandpa Manley (watching from above)



Happy belated birthday to
Marie Manley-Harwood
December 26. We love you!
Melissa, Tony, Michael,
Richard, and Tori
Happy birthday to Tony



**Rodriguez** January 31! Hope you have a wonderful day. We love you.

Love.

Your wife Melissa, and Michael, Richard and Tori



### **Interns Wanted**

Applications are now available for the Pokagon College Summer 2014 Internship Program.

The eight-week program runs from Monday, June 9 through Friday, August 1, 2014.

Pokagon college students will have the opportunity to gain work experience in Pokagon tribal government offices.

Tribal citizens 18 years and older by June 9, 2014 who have completed 12 or more college credits and intend to continue college in the fall 2014 semester are eligible to apply.

Interested? For more information and to download your application visit www. pokagonband-nsn.gov. To have an application sent to you, contact the Pokagon Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 or connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

#### Applications are due by January 10, 2014







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# Pokagon Tribal Court Embarks on Child Welfare Improvement Initiative

#### By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

In 2013, the Pokagons received a Tribal Court Improvement Project (TCIP) grant to provide the tribe with resources to improve child welfare services. Already, the Tribal Court has moved forward in the process by forming an assessment team that conducted interviews with individuals involved in the child welfare system.

"We put out bids to assemble an assessment team to take a look at our whole court system," said Stephen Rambeaux, court administrator. "We wanted some Native Americans on this panel, and we have selected the National Center of State Courts to do the assessment." The team is comprised of Alicia Davis, Gina Jackson, Sheldon Spotted Elk, and Lorie Sicafuse. Both Jackson and Spotted Elk are Native American.

"When native people are employed in the capacity where we visit other native communities, we want to learn about their tribal cultures and communities," said Judge Michael Petoskey. "We hosted a community feast to welcome our visitors and provide context to them about the Pokagons."

Providing context to the assessment team is essential. "We don't want them to peer through the keyhole and do a keyhole analysis," explained Petoskey. "We want to give them a thorough understanding of the tribe, and help them identify opportunities for growth."

The celebration dinner was held at the Community Center, and members of the tribal community were invited to attend. "We gave the team the opportunity to meet some of our citizens, introduced them to our history, and took them on a tour of the facilities," said Rambeaux. "They are used to

assessing state courts, and this is quite different." In an effort to give them exposure to the Pokagon culture, Clarence White did a pipe ceremony and they had women drummers as well as male youth drummers.

Members of the assessment team were in town for several days, and they conducted many interviews with members of the Department of Social Services, state court, and others who are involved in child welfare issues.

"I am very optimistic about this initiative," said Petoskey.
"Child protection cases are so important to the courts and to the community. Our relationship will be ongoing and collaborative, and we will work as partners as time goes on.
They can be a resource to us in terms of measuring outcomes, and help us to determine which of the various models available will work best for us."

The assessment team will continue to gather information and prepare their findings. They will provide feedback and look for opportunities to improve and enhance programs and services. The work will be ongoing, and the court will continue to communicate their findings to tribal citizens.

This three-year grant is from the Children's Bureau, which is part of the Administration for Children and Families Division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. These funds are highly competitive, and the Pokagon Band was one of only seven tribes to receive inaugural round funding. Receiving this award shows the Pokagon Band's potential in serving as a model for other tribes looking to do similar work.

#### Dowagiac History Museum Expands Potawatomi Exhibit

Formerly located on the Dowagiac campus of Southwestern Michigan College, the Dowagiac Area History Museum moved in May to the former Behnke Paint and Flooring building at 201 E. Division St. downtown. The move provided an opportunity to enhance the Potawatomi section of the museum's collection.

"I've always felt that it's better for the Potawatomi tell their own story," said Steve Arseneau, the museum director. "I'm happy they are working with us to tell that story."

Thanks to help from artist and drummer Jason S. Wesaw, and Michael Zimmerman Jr. and Marcus Winchester, former and current tribal historic preservation officers respectively, the exhibit has authentic and accessible Potawatomi features. Visitors are encouraged to play drums, or rattles, and to touch sinew and other natural items the Potawatomi use regularly.

The most striking feature is a wigwam Zimmerman created with elm bark. According to Arseneau, the 8-by-10-by-7-foot shelter would be large enough to accommodate a family of four. Potawatomis lived in wigwams for centuries. "There's a common misconception that all Indians lived in tepees," Arseneau said. Beadwork, photographs and other art round out the rest of the exhibit.



The college still helps with finances, but the city of Dowagiac now owns the museum. The more prominent location has helped attendance; roughly 4,000 people visited the facility at its new site in 2013. The two-level museum contains items from the area's industrial past and details about local people who made history, and is preparing to open an exhibit showcasing the Miss Dowagiac pageant in late January. Visitors are welcome to check it out from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. Admission is free.

#### Chi Ishobak Earns Milestone Status

The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI Fund) has officially certified Chi Ishobak as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). Chi Ishobak has met all operational and programmatic requirements set forth by the CDFI Fund. CDFI certification is a designation conferred by the CDFI Fund and is a requirement for accessing financial and technical award assistance from the CDFI Fund through the CDFI Program, Native American CDFI Assistance Program, and certain benefits under the Bank Enterprise Award Program to support an organization's established community development financing programs.

"This has been our primary goal since opening our doors to Pokagon citizens," stated Sean Winters, Chi Ishobak's Executive Director. "This authenticates our efforts for citizens and assures us that we are meeting national industry standards for those efforts."

A certified Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) is a specialized financial institution that works in market niches that are underserved by traditional financial institutions. CDFIs provide a unique range of financial products and services in economically distressed target markets, such as mortgage financing for low-income and first-time homebuyers and not-for-profit developers, flexible underwriting and risk capital for needed community facilities, and technical assistance, commercial loans and investments to small start-up or expanding businesses in low-income areas. CDFIs include regulated institutions such as community development banks and credit unions, and non-regulated institutions such as loan and venture capital funds.

To learn more about the CDFI Fund's Certification Program, or the CDFI Fund's other programs, please visit www.cdfifund.gov.

#### Syrup Making: How Sweet it is

#### By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

Tapping time is almost here, and the Department of Language and Culture is excited to get outside and make maple syrup.

"We don't know exactly when we will be able to start, because that depends on the trees," said Andy Jackson, cultural specialist. "Last year, we had a mild winter, and we were able to get started in February. However, it is more common to begin tapping in March."

"To make syrup, we utilize two methods," explained Jackson. "The traditional, copper pot method gives a smoky flavor and richer syrup. We also use a more modern, evaporator method, and that yields a lighter, caramel color. Our elders can definitely tell the difference."

It takes a whole crew to make syrup, so the Pokagon DNR office helps with supplies and staffing. "We clean up the woods around our site, and cut trees down to make the fire," said Jackson. "Cutting the trees also allows more light to come through to the grounds and helps the old plants to come back the next year." The crew stays busy morning, noon and night. "We are cooking syrup all of the time."

When the sap comes out of the tree, it is put in the pot and boiled down right in the woods. From there, it goes to the kitchen where they continue the process of boiling it until it reaches the desired consistency. Finally, the finished product is bottled.

The group will make enough to ensure that the elders and DNR have a sufficient stock. Some elders use the syrup as a diuretic to help with diabetes. The elders and members of the DNR department also give the syrup away as a gift at various events that they attend throughout the year.

They hope to get more Pokagons out into the woods to experience syrup making firsthand. "This is the third year we have made syrup," said Jackson. "If you come out and help, you will leave with some syrup." All ages are welcome, and she encourages those with a story to tell to come and sit by the fire and share their experiences with others.

Because the trees determine tapping time, it is not possible to set a specific date for starting. However, Language and Culture is planning a pancake breakfast to kick of syrup season on February 15. "We will have part of a maple tree cut off with the tapper and a bucket at the breakfast," said Jackson. "This will allow



people to see the process and then show them the finished product."

Pokagon citizens interested in attending the pancake breakfast or participating in making syrup are encouraged to contact the Department at (269) 462-4325 or e-mail Nicole.Holloway@ PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

### Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Pokégnek Yajdanawa is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in Pokegnek Yajdanawa. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

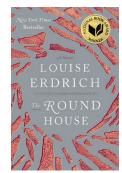
The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the fourteenth of each month. Please send items for publication to:

> Pokégnek Yajdanawa Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047 Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

#### One Story (Ngot Yajmowen) Community Reading Project Underway

#### By Kristie Bussler, Department of Education



Sharing stories is an important tradition for people from all types of backgrounds. It is one way we teach, pass on our culture, and grow closer to one another. Sometimes we convey the stories orally, and sometimes we write them down, but either way the essential element is that the stories are shared. It is with

these thoughts in mind that several groups from the Dowagiac community created a reading project called One Story (Ngot Yajmowen in the Potawatomi language). For One Story's first year, the book that everyone in the community is encouraged to read is *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich, winner of the 2012 National Book Award for fiction. Erdrich is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. The novel tells the story of a family and community nearly undone by violence on a reservation in North Dakota, but also offers a portrait of a community sustained by its traditions, values, faith, and stories. Throughout 2014 several book clubs will meet to discuss the novel, and a variety of events/activities based loosely on themes from the novel are planned. We invite everyone to participate.

Information and event listings will be available at www.onestoryread.com, in the *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*, and on the Pokagon Band website, as well as being advertised by our One Story partners: Dogwood Fine Arts Festival Committee, Dowagiac Area History Museum, Dowagiac District Library, and Southwestern Michigan College. If you have questions, please contact the Department of Education at (269) 462-4222 and ask for Kristie.



#### Pokagon Health Services Breaks Ground on new Clinic

The staff of the Pokagon Health Services, members of the Health Board, and construction workers ceremonially broke ground on the construction of the new health facility at Rodgers Lake in late October, and work has continued steadily since. The crews continue to work through the extreme cold, and the project remains on schedule to open in October 2014.

"We have successfully bid the majority of the second phase of the project, and we are on budget at this point," said Scott Winchester, 7GenAE executive director. "We have the foundation in for the health clinic and steel is being erected." Some tribal citizens have worked on the foundation and site work. Check out www.pokagonband-nsn.gov for inprogress photos!



#### **Pokagon Health Services Announces Extended Hours**

The Pokagon Health Clinic will offer extended hours once a week each Thursday evening starting January 9, 2014. Should extended hours become a big hit, staff will look at adding extended hours on more days of the week.

Thursday night extended hours will go until 7:00 p.m., but transportation won't be offered. Please call (269) 782-4141 for appointments during extended hours, or if you have any questions.

#### Commercial Loans Meet a Variety of Needs, Including Artists'



photo of artist Gerald Wesaw by Shane Rodimel

Chi Ishobak's Commercial Loan Program was designed to assist Pokagon entrepreneurs. Assistance comes in the form of capital, small-business development, and business plan preparation. When thinking of the small-business environment, it is common to exclude tribal artisans from that category. But Pokagon artisans constitute a significant percentage of Chi Ishobak's commercial target market.

It can be a daunting task for artisans to seek commercial assistance. Business plans, financial projections, market research and SWOT analysis are terms that can overwhelm any entrepreneur. Tribal artisans are usually not looking for store-fronts, large equipment, or working capital. They are usually seeking inventory and supplies needed to meet product demand for pow wows and art markets.

Chi Ishobak understands this difference and aims to simplify the commercial process for Pokagon artisans. Chi Ishobak can help tribal artists develop a business narrative and a basic project budget that is consistent with an individual loan request. "Commercial requests are not always large amounts," Sean Winters adds, "Pokagon artisans may only require between \$500 and \$1,500 to purchase supplies for their products."

Chi Ishobak is looking to empower our tribal entrepreneurs and help them explore new opportunities. If you would like more information regarding Chi Ishobak's Commercial Loan Program, or Chi Ishobak's other programs, please inquire at:

Chi Ishobak, Inc. 415 E. Prairie Ronde St. Dowagiac, MI 49047 (269) 783-4157 sean.winters@chiishobak.org www.chiishobak.org



SMC Read 100 Class Spring Semester Gail Shirey

SMC **Special Topics in History Class** Native American History Spring Semester Dr. Jeff Dennis

SMC and POKAGON BAND **Potawatomi Living Arts** Hosted by Southwestern Michigan College

Dream Catchers Craft Class January 29 | 1:00–2:00 pm

January 29 | 1:00-2:00 pm SMC Student Activity Center with Jefferson Ballew

Join a Pokagon Band artist in making a dream catcher.

Cultural Awareness: Pow Wow History and Etiquette Presentation

January 29 | 2:30-3:30 pm

Dale A. Lyons Building SMC

Jefferson Ballew from Pokagon Band will explain history, significance and etiquette of pow wows and their regalia, song, dance and storytelling.

DOWAGIAC AREA HISTORY MUSEUM **Potawatomi Cultural Teachings and Traditional Medicines** February 8 | Time TBD with Andy Jackson

DOGWOOD FINE ARTS GALLERY Exhibit Potawatomi Art Exhibit and Sale Open House

Thursday, April 24

5 p.m. – 7 p.m. | Huntington Bank Building, 207 Commercial Street, Dowagiac

Life is Art exhibit opening and artists reception, featuring the works of Potawatomi artists. Pottery, clothing, baskets and other objects have evolved out of functional and ceremonial necessity over generations. Experience materials provided by Mother Earth interwoven with contemporary materials expressed in a uniquely native way. Exhibit continues through May 22.

POKAGON BAND Sugar Bush

Date and time to be determined by the weather

POKAGON BAND Discussion of Native Jurisdiction and Other Legal Issues

May 8 | 5:30-7:00 pm

Pokagon Band Community Center with Annette Nickle

The presentation will provide an overview of the complex topic of criminal jurisdiction within Indian country, as discussed in the book *The Round House*.

SMC Library Book Talks for Spring Semester with Katharine Landstrom

POKAGON BAND Memorial Day Pow Wow 2014

DOWAGIAC AREA HISTORY MUSEUM Michigan State University Native Quilting TBD

 ${\tt DOWAGIAC\ AREA\ HISTORY\ MUSEUM\ \textbf{Native\ American\ Series\ with\ Steve\ Arseneau}}$ 

DOGWOOD FINE ARTS COMMITTEE Culinary Anthropologists from Red Mesa TBD

POKAGON BAND Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Labor Day Weekend 2014

#### 2014 Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow Planned for May 24 & 25



Preparation has begun for the 2014 Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow, to be held the Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 24 & 25, 2014 at the Rodgers Lake pow wow grounds. The Pow Wow is named in recognition of the Pokagon Band community eagle staff carried by the Pokagon Band veterans, and the Pow Wow includes activities to honor all the veterans of the Pokagon Band community, as well as traditional dancing, singing, and crafts.

#### Members & Volunteers needed for Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Committee

Initial planning has started, but the Committee is open for new members and volunteers for the ongoing planning and organizing for the event. The Committee intends to designate its official Members and Alternates at its February 10, 2014 meeting. If you are interested in becoming an official Committee member, or just want to volunteer and participate, feel free to attend this meeting. For more information, contact Kevin Daugherty at (269) 591-1230.

The Committee meets the second Monday of every month, with a potluck at 5:30 p.m. and start of business at 6:00 p.m. Meetings are at the Administration Building, unless otherwise posted.

#### Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen logo design contest, two age categories

The Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee seeks submissions for the 2014 logo to be used for t-shirt designs, the flyer, and the program for the upcoming Pow Wow. Again this year, the Committee has two age categories for this contest:

- Pokagon Band youth 12 years of age and younger (hand-drawn preferred)
- Pokagon Band members and spouses of any age

The artists who create the winning designs for the Pow Wow will each be awarded a sweatshirt and a \$25.00 gift card from the Committee. While the Committee wants to support the community's artists, the Committee reserves the right to accept or deny any or all of the designs submitted, and all decisions of the Committee are final.

Please send images to Kevin Daugherty by March 31 by any of the following means:

- Deliver in person at the Administration Building at 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047
- By mail or delivery service to the same address
- By e-mail at Kevin.Daugherty@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

The Committee looks forward to many great designs!

#### **New Employees Join Government Staff**

#### Mandy Wessell, ROSS Citizen Services Coordinator



I have been working with the Pokagon Band since September 2013. My position is funded through a federal grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The focus of my position is to link tribal citizens with services and programs available to them, including but not limited to financial counseling, rental and homeownership assistance, heating and other utility assistance, employment counseling, health services, behavioral health and substance abuse services, education mentoring and support, and social services. I am a proud member of the Pokagon Band and it is my pleasure to assist my fellow tribal citizens in living the best life possible.

#### Sam Morseau, Director of Education



Bozhoo. I feel honored to have this opportunity to introduce myself. I am the son of Stan and Linda Morseau and the grandson of Wilbur Morseau and Nora Mae Wesaw and a proud citizen of the Pokagon Band. I recently moved back home to better serve our tribal nation. I was born in Chelsea, MI and lived in Washington State the last 14 years to continue my education and work as the

Native American program coordinator in the Kent School District. We created and implemented several innovative programs to strengthen the circle and became a respected program at all levels of Native American education. Thanks to this success I was elected and served four years as chairman of the Western Washington Native American Education Consortium (WWNAEC) while also serving on several other state level committees.

My educational background consists of graduating from Northwest Indian College with in Native American studies, The Evergreen State College with a B.A. in Native American education, and I am currently in my second year of completing a master's degree in tribal governance.

I am looking forward to developing positive relationships with each and every one of you, so please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself. I can also be reached at (269) 782-0887, or by e-mail at sam.morseau@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Weaved within the moral fabric of Native American culture lies the belief that you always give back the knowledge that elders have bestowed upon you; serving as the Director of Education is a perfect opportunity to continue that teaching. Wewene.



#### FINANCIAL WELLNESS WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 5, 2014

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Pokagon Community Center 27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac

Chi Ishobak and the Pokagon Band Department of Housing have collaborated to introduce a new financial education program for Pokagon Band citizens. More than just information, this program is designed to identify financial behaviors and the cultural relevance associated with them. This workshop will cover five key areas that address the basic aspects of personal financial management and provide participants with the tools and processes to take control of their financial health. These areas include: savings, communication, budgeting, debt, and purchase behaviors.

#### Lunch provided | No registration fee | Please pre-register

For more information, please contact Chi Ishobak, Sean Winters (269) 783-4157 | sean.winters@chiishobak.org

# Own a Business? Be Sure it's Listed in the Business Directory

In 2012, the Pokagon Band Department of Housing and Chi Ishobak collaborated on the Citizen Business Directory. This was designed to advertise Pokagon-owned businesses throughout the community. Many changes have occurred in the past couple of years, and the directory needs updating.

Regardless of industry or market, if you would like your Pokagon-owned business to be listed in the Citizen Business Directory, please submit the following information:

- Business name
- Pokagon owner's name
- Business address
- Business phone number

Please send all information to:

Chi Ishobak, Inc. 415 E. Prairie Ronde St. Dowagiac, MI 49047 (269) 783-4157 sean.winters@chiishobak.org www.chiishobak.org

- Business e-mail
- Business Website
- Business description

#### **Sewing Class Offered in February and March**

Beginner sewing classes will be offered for women in the community. There will be three sessions taught by Christine Daugherty. The first class will cover sewing machine basics, making a basic bag, and taking measurements for a long skirt. During the second class the participants will make a long skirt. During the third class participants will learn how to make ribbon applique for their skirt or a dance shawl.

These classes will take place on February 23, March 9, and March 23 from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the Community Center. You must be able to attend all three sessions to take this course

You must sign up to participate, as spaces very limited. If you want to attend please call Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324.

#### Learn More About PHS's Hotline

The Pokagon Health Services Hotline is available at (800) 775-1008 or www. reportlineweb.com/PokagonBand 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Below is a Q&A that might clarify the Hotline's purpose.

#### Q. What is the Health Services Hotline?

The Hotline is an anonymous reporting tool that provides patients and staff the opportunity to report potential misconduct in the workplace.

#### Q. May I report using either the Internet or the telephone?

Yes, by giving you choices, the Hotline ensures that members of our community can file a report anonymously and in the manner most comfortable or convenient to them.

#### Q. Why do we need a reporting tool like the Hotline?

Reporting hotlines have proven to be an effective tool in reducing losses and helping to protect institutional financial strength.

#### Q. Does Tribal Council really want me to report?

Yes. In fact, we need you to report. You know what is going on in your department both good and bad. You may have initial knowledge of an activity that may be cause for concern. Your reporting can minimize the negative impact related to potential misconduct.

# Q. Does the Hotline replace reporting situations to the manager or other offices? What type of situations should I report on the Hotline?

The Hotline does not replace any of our standard reporting tools, but there are several good reasons why you should consider using the Hotline as well. First, the Hotline ensures that your report gets to the appropriate people. More importantly, reports can be filed anonymously and all report information is secure and held in the strictest confidence.

The Hotline is designed to accept reports for the following type of concerns.

- 1. Financial matters relating to accounting or internal control issues, fraud, theft or other financial issues.
- 2. Regulatory matters relating to confidentially issues, falsification of reports or other issues.
- 3. Information technology matters relating to the inappropriate use of technology or misuse of technology resources.
- 4. Misconduct of staff relating to citizens.
- 5. Any situation in which you were uncomfortable with at the clinic.

# Q. Is the Hotline an appropriate reporting tool for something as personal and important as sexual harassment?

If you are uncomfortable contacting the Director, of Health Services, sexual harassment reports can be taken over the Hotline.

#### Q. What shouldn't I report using the Hotline?

The Hotline is not a "911" service for emergency issues or actions.

#### Q. Can I file a report from home and still remain anonymous?

A report from home, a neighbor's computer, or any internet portal will remain secure and anonymous. An internet portal never identifies a visitor by screen name so that anonymity is totally maintained. Plus, the Hotline is contractually committed not to pursue a reporter's identity.

# Q. I am concerned that the information I provide the Hotline will ultimately reveal my identity. How can you assure me that will not happen?

The Hotline system is designed to protect your personal identity. However, you as a reporting party need to ensure that the body of the report does not reveal your identity by accident, for example, "From my cube next to Jan Smith, I saw ..." or "In my 33 years..."

# Q. I am not sure what I have observed or heard is a violation of policy, or misconduct, but it just does not look right to me. What should I do?

File a report. The Hotline can help you prepare and file your report so it can be properly understood. We'd rather you reported a situation that turned out to be harmless than let possible misconduct go unchecked because you weren't sure.

#### Q. Where do these reports go? Who can access them?

Reports are entered directly on a secure server operated by an independent company. The reports are available only to specific individuals within the department who are charged with evaluating the type of violation and location of the incident. Each of these report recipients has had training in keeping these reports in the utmost confidence. The Hotline system and staff are trained and committed to ensure that no report is ever shared with implicated parties, their peers, or subordinates.

#### Kendall Race Earns Academic Award

The Pokagon Band Department of Education would like to commend one of our K-12 Program Students, Kendall Race. Kendall is a student at Dowagiac Union High School in Dowagiac, Michigan and is the son of Madalene Big Bear. Kendall was nominated by his teacher, Mr. Keith Klann, and received a Student Academic Excellence Award for Algebra from Principal Pieter Hoekstra. We are extremely proud of Kendall's hard work and want to share his accomplishment with the Pokagon Band for all to celebrate. Keep up the good work, Kendall!





#### **Student-Athlete? Send us Your Sports Photos**

As Team Pokagon trains for the Michigan Indian Family Olympics in July at Central Michigan University (see flyer, below), it seemed fitting to recognize those Pokagon students already in training for other athletic activities. Send us photos of you playing sports along with information about your team, your position, your age, school or organization/club and grade level to Pokagon.newsletter@pokagonbandnsn.gov and we'll publish a special section celebrating these healthy, active youth ahead of the upcoming Olympics.



# Train Together for the **Family Olympics**

What: Michigan Indian Family Olympics, something for all ages. All Michigan Tribes participate

When: leading up to Summer 2014



Participate in three of the training events offered and receive a gift incentive. Involvement in one school sport can substitute for one of the three trainings.

These events are open to Native Americans and their families, and Pokagon Band staff and their families.

#### Training Schedule:

#### January 2014

- 💫 January 🕇 | Community Center | 3:00p.m.-5:00p.m. January 25 | Hartford High School | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
  - January 26 | Camp Beech Point 3212 125th Ave Allegan MI | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
- March 2014
  - March 7 | Community Center | 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m. March 26 | Hopkins High School | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
- March 29 | Hartford High School | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
- \* April 2014

April 12 | Hartford High School | 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

May 2014



#### **New Year, New Enrichment Program Funding**

2014 Enrichment Program funding is now available. The Enrichment Programs is open to 5th–12th grade students and available all year. If you are in the 12th grade, it must be used before you graduate. The program provides up to \$500 for opportunities for Pokagon youth anywhere in the United States to participate in

an academic or extra-curricular program. Students must complete separate Pokagon Band Enrichment program application for each event they participate in. Please visit www. pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/ education/k-12-programs/enrichmentprograms to apply.

### **Exciting Casino Career** Opportunity



Dealer training classes will be offered for employment at

Four Winds New Buffalo

Classes will be held in Human Resource Building

Classes Start March 3, 2014.

Dealer training class details:

- Games taught—Blackjack, 3 Card Poker and Mississippi Stud Three convenient class times will be held daily: 8:00am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-5:00pm and 6:00pm-
- Mandatory class attendance required- 4 days per week, Monday-Thursday
- Class length- 4 hours per day
- Classes held for 12 weeks
- Math assessment required prior to admittance
- Must be able to pass a pre and post drug seen and obtain a level 2 gaming license Classes are FREE to qualified applicants (Similar classes in this area cost upwards of \$800.) This is an unpaid training
- Must be at least 18 years old to be employed by Four Winds Casino Resort Ability to pass an audition is no guarantee of offer of dealer position

Contact Jeanne Sambrookes at (269) 926-5408

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# **Counselors and Specialty Service Providers Needed for Culture Camp 2014**

The Department of Language and Culture is looking for Camp Counselors and specialty service providers for the Summer Youth Culture Camp for the positions of: 1) lifeguard 2) nurse 3) caterer 4) Junior Camp Counselor and 5) Senior Camp Counselor. The lifeguard will only be needed for identified days and times of the camp, but the nurse and caterer are required to be available for the duration of the camp – which is scheduled for June 17 - 27, 2014. All camp staff is required to attend a mandatory orientation and training, date to be announced.

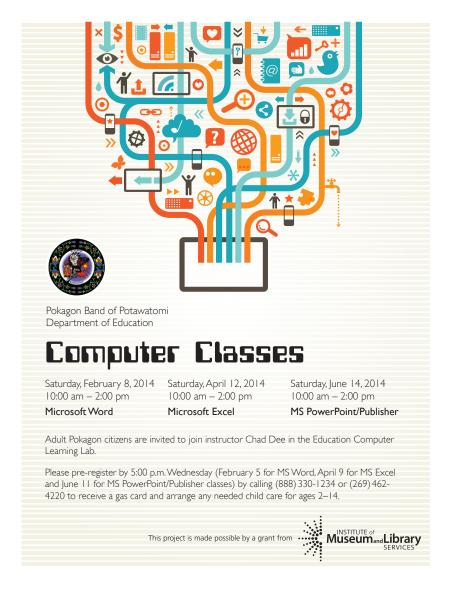
#### **Counselor Requirements:**

- At least 18 years of age for Junior Counselors
- Prior experience working with youth for Senior Counselors
- Culturally knowledgeable, sensitive and open minded.
- High school graduate/college preferred
- Experience working with youth, classroom management, and public speaking.
- Must be able to work as a team.
- Physically capable to participate in most camp activities
- Available from June 17 27, 2013
- Able to pass a criminal background check, drug screening, and fingerprinting If you are interested in being a part of the 2014 Culture Camp team, please contact Heather Farver in the Human Resources Department at (269) 462-4267.

#### **Riddle**

Mail in your correct answer or e-mail it to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov in the Department of Education and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card. Another way to win is to mail or e-mail your own riddle, and the person whose riddle is selected for the next newsletter will win a gift card. Last month's riddle winner is Gregg-Marie Emerick, who answered "What is the longest word?" The answer is "smiles, because there is a mile between the two Ss" No one submitted a new riddle, so there were no winners for that gift card. Check out the new riddle

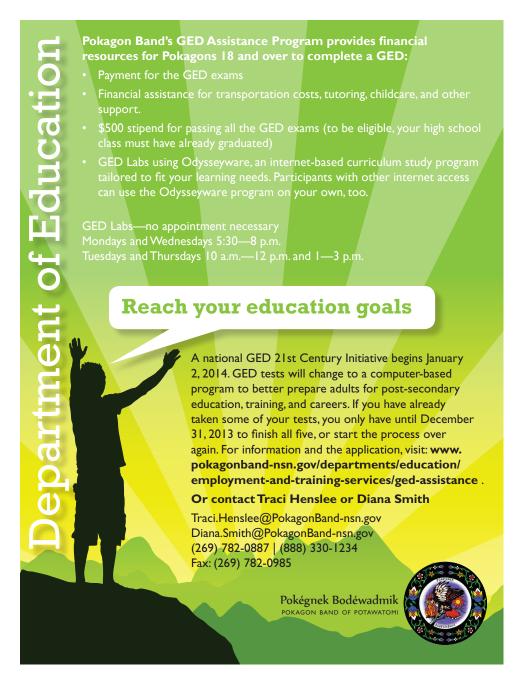
Mr. Blue lives in the blue house, Mr. Pink lives in the pink house, and Mr. Brown lives in the brown house. Who lives in the white house?



#### **Cultural And Activity Presenters Wanted**

The Domestic Violence Program is looking for cultural and activity presenters to run monthly presentations. You do not have to be a domestic violence survivor to get involved, however we do ask that you focus your presentation on healthy relationships, respect, and the importance of women in the community. All presenters will be paid for up to two hours of work, in addition to mileage and supply reimbursement.

If you have any additional questions or are interested in getting involved please contact Casey Kasper, victim services manager/case worker at (269) 462-4324 or via e-mail at casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



#### Happy 2014! Welcome to the New National GED Changes

All GED tests will now be computer-based, updated to fit national core requirements and with changes to the question format. If you would like to pursue a GED or have any questions, please contact our office at (888) 330-1234 and ask for Traci or Diana.

#### **Tribally-owned Bent Tree Market Open For Business**

#### By Jennifer Dougherty, Marketing Coordinator, 7GenAE

The Bent Tree Market, located south of the Dowagiac casino, opened for business on December 20. The building was designed by Seven Generations Architecture and Engineering (7GenAE), and is owned by Mno-Bmadsen.

"In addition to providing job opportunities, Bent Tree offers a convenient location for tribal citizens to utilize their discount on fuel and tobacco products," said Scott Winchester, executive director at 7GenAE. "Tobacco sales are now handled at the store which has alleviated traffic at the Administration Building.'

"Business has been good so far," said Jennifer Deuel, general manager at Bent Tree Market. "Many tribal citizens have already come out to visit us, and the feedback has been very positive. I have heard several people say that it is the most beautiful convenience store they have ever seen."

Its central location makes Bent Tree Market a convenient place for citizens and tribal staff such as tribal police and maintenance to fill up their vehicles. Customers can also grab a bite to eat, as the store sells pizza, sandwiches, cookies and other food items made by the casino's chef.

Another 7GenAE project, the Pokagon Health and Wellness Center, is currently under construction, see page 3. The building exterior and interior bids were received and contractors have been selected. 7GenAE will provide the names of the selected contractors in the March issue of Pokegnek Yajdanawa.



#### **Need College Financial Aid Help?**

If you want to apply for most college financial aid, including the Pokagon Higher Education Scholarship, you must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

You can file the FAFSA for the upcoming school year after January 1, though you can apply for your PIN# anytime. You must apply every year you are in school. There is no cost to apply for the FAFSA.

For more information, contact your high school's guidance office, your college financial aid office, or Joseph Avance, higher education specialist, at the Pokagon Band Department of Education (888) 330-1234.

Or check out College Goal Sunday www.collegegoalsundayusa.org to get FAFSA information specific to your state.

Pokagon students who file the FAFSA for the fall 2014 semester by February 28, 2014 will be eligible for a Pokagon Band Higher Education sweatshirt! Please provide printed verification of the date you completed your FAFSA online to get your sweatshirt.





Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education

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### Career Workshop

Saturday, March 8 Saturday, January 11 Saturday, May 10 10:00 am - 2:00 pm10:00 am - 2:00 pm10:00 am - 2:00 pmOnline Job Search, Resume Submit-

**Employment** 

Dealing with Barriers to Interview Skills

Adult Pokagon citizens are invited to join instructor Lanre Ajayi in the Education Training Room. We will provide adult tribal citizens with child care, gas cards to cover transportation to and from workshop, and a \$30 gift card to the movies. Treat yourself after doing something good for your future!

As space and child care assistance is limited, please pre-register by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior (Jan 8, Mar 5 and May 7) at (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220.

This project is made possible by a grant from



#### Notice of Open Positions | Health Board

The Pokagon Band is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens interested in serving on the Pokagon Band Health Board. The Tribal Council will fill multiple seats on the Health Board for members whose term has expired.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION** As provided in Section 2 of the Health Board Ordinance, the Health Board is organized for the purpose of:

- A. Assisting the Pokagon Band Health Services Department in the preparation of a comprehensive health plan for the community. The Health Board works jointly with the Director of Health Services to assess the health needs of the Pokagon Band community and to prioritize services to assure that those needs are being met;
- B. Assisting with the development and review of fair, ethical and proper policies for the delivery of health services to eligible clients;
- C. Deciding which medical procedures will be covered by limited funding and establishing medical and dental priorities within those procedures;
- D. Implementing when necessary, a Contract Health Committee under Indian Health Services guidelines to oversee the quality and quantity of care delivered through Community Health Service funds;
- E. Serving as an appeals board for health services delivery issues in accordance with the requirements of the Health Board Ordinance; and
- F. Providing such other information or engaging in such further health services related activities as Tribal Council may direct.

## **ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH BOARD** Each Health Board Member shall:

- A. Be responsible for being informed in Pokagon Band Health Services and Indian Health Services policies and procedures as they relate to duties called for under this Ordinance:
- B. Make a good-faith effort to attend all Health Board meetings; and
- C. Maintain the strictest of confidentiality standards in carrying out the duties established by this Ordinance. Each Board Member must sign and abide by a statement acknowledging the standards of confidentiality required for serving as a Board Member, as outlined in Section 4 of the Health Board Ordinance. Board Members shall sign such a statement upon appointment and renew such statement whenever reappointed.

TIME COMMITMENT. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Board meetings, conduct elections, and perform the business of the Election Board will vary. Election Board members typically are busier during the time that leads up to and during the General Election and Elders Election. Additionally, there may be Referendums, Special Elections, Petitions, and Recalls that will require Election Board action. General Elections occur on the second Saturday of July and Elders Council Elections occur on the second Saturday of November. The dates of the Election Board meetings vary, but typically occur after 5:00 PM. On average, a Board member can anticipate a time commitment of approximately 10 to 25 hours per month, with the busiest time being the months of May, June, July, September, October, and November:

**TIME COMMITMENT** The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Board meetings and perform the business of the Health Board will vary. The dates and times of Health Board meetings very, but they typically occur every second and fourth Monday of each month, at 5:00 p.m., at the Band's Administration Building. On average, a Board member can anticipate a time commitment of approximately four – six hours per month.

**COMPENSATION** Members of the Health Board are compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$150 per meeting (the Health Board member may receive additional compensation if he or she is the Chairperson or an Officer of the Health Board). In addition, Health Board members shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties in accordance with Section 17 of the Health Board Ordinance.

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS AND TERM LENGTH** Appointments to the Health Board are made by the Tribal Council. Heath Board members serve a two-year term of office.

ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE ON THE HEALTH BOARD In order to be eligible for appointment to the Health Board, one must:

- A. Be a Pokagon Band Citizen;
- B. Not have an immediate family member currently serving on the Health Board; and
- C. Not be an employee of the Band's Department of Health Services.

**HOW TO APPLY** If you are interested in being considered for appointment to the Health Board, you must provide a written statement of interest along with a current resume with your name, address, and telephone number to:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Attn: Kelly Curran P.O. Box 180 Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Questions concerning the Health Board may be directed to Matt Clay, Chairman of the Health Board, at (269) 462-4250, or matt.clay@pokagonband-nsn.gov. The Health Board Ordinance is available at the following internet address: http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Health Board pursuant to any previous posting announcing a vacancy, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Health Board, you must reapply as provided in this notice.

**ETHICS REQUIREMENTS** As Public Officials, Members of the Health Board are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained from the Band's website at http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

The posting shall be open until filled.

# **Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications**

To maintain effective communications, it is critical that citizens keep their addresses—and those of their children—updated. Many addresses currently in our system are out of date or undeliverable. If you move, please let the enrollment office know as soon as possible, and have your and your dependent's address updated. If your bank account is closed, we mail a live check to you in the next Per Capita check run. If your address is undeliverable, you will not receive this check until you have updated your address.

Contact enrollment coordinator Beth Edelberg at (888)782-1001 to change your address.

#### **Per Capita News**

The Enrollment Office needs the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment Office at (269) 782–1763 or Barb Vincent in the Finance Department at (269) 462–4209.

				Christmas			
Enrollment #	Name	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	Х	Х	х	Х	Х	
202	Jeffrey Morseau					Х	Х
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	х	х	х	х	х	Х
857	Peter John Ramirez	х	х	х	Х	Х	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	х	х	х	х	х	
1598	Siloman Askin Temple					Х	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			х	х	х	Х
2242	Kaleb Lee					Х	
2429	Larry Pierce Jr.					х	
2595	James Hamstra				х	х	
2723	Sean Carmody						Х
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		Х	х	х	х	Х
4442	Mason Tyler Currey					Х	

Please note - you must have a deliverable address on file.

#### Attention 18- to 20-Year-Olds | Per Capita Information

Attention all high school seniors who are graduating from high school or individuals who may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Attn: Enrollment Office P O Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047 OR fax to: (269) 782-1964

The document must be received by March 14 in order to make it on the April 2014 check run. Anything received after March 14 will be processed on the check run for June. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

#### Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, December 6, 2013	Thursday, December 19, 2013	Friday, December 20, 2013
Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Thursday, January 30, 2014	Friday, January 31, 2014
Friday, February 14, 2014	Thursday, February 27, 2014	Friday, February 28, 2014
Friday, March 14, 2014	Thursday, March 27 2014	Friday, March 28, 2014
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Tuesday, April 29, 2014	Wednesday, April 30, 2014
Thursday, May 15, 2014	Thursday, May 29, 2014	Friday, May 30, 2014
Friday, June 13, 2014	Thursday, June 26, 2014	Friday, June 27, 2014
Tuesday, July 15, 2014	Wednesday, July 30, 2014	Thursday, July 31, 2014
Friday, August 15, 2014	Thursday, August 28, 2014	Friday, August 29, 2014
Monday, September 15, 2014	Monday, September 29, 2014	Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Wednesday, October 15, 2014	Thursday, October 30, 2014	Friday, October 31, 2014
Monday, November 3, 2014*	Tuesday, November 25, 2014	Wed, November 26, 2014

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that in December the deadline to receive changes is December 6 and November the deadline to receive changes is November 3, this is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

#### Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

For those tribal citizens receiving per capita checks in the mail and who do not have direct deposit, enclosed with your check you will find a direct deposit and a tax withholding form. These will be included with your check every month until we achieve 100% direct deposits.

The tribe is currently having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe is offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. We are making efforts to give everyone a chance to set up a bank account of your choice and on your own.

As always, the tax withholding form is not mandatory although highly suggested as per capita payments are subject to federal and state taxes. The tribe only withholds federal taxes with a completed form, state taxes are the responsibility of the citizen.

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. Both of the above stated forms are available online at www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as I receive it by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as I do not receive any errors from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

#### Tribal Council **February** Calendar of Events

- 3 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 4 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 8 Tribal Council, Community Center 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m. П
- Legislative Session, Community Center 6 p.m.
- 17 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 18 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 24 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 25 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

(888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call

#### Tribal Council March Calendar of Events

- Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- Tribal Council, Community Center 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m. П
- Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m. 17
- Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m. 18
- 24 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 25 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 29 Annual Membership meeting, Location to be determined, 10 a.m.
- Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

To hear what is being served for the elders lunches in February, please call (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 noon.

### **Blood Pressure**

Native American adults are 1.3 times more likely to have high blood pressure.

**120 / 80** normal blood pressure is at or below

Native American adults are almost **2x** more likely to die from diabetes-related complications.

> **↓ 100 mg/dL Blood Sugar**



### Cholesterol Levels

**↓200 mg/dL** 

HDL (GOOD! CHOLESTEROL) 40 mg/dL

LDL (BAD! CHOLESTEROL) **↓130 mg/dL**  Traditionally, Native Americans were very active.

### **Body Mass Index (BMI)**

underweight < 18.5 normal weight 18.5-24.9 overweight 25-29.9 obese 30 or greater



30% of NATIVE AMERICAN ADULTS ARE OBESE.



# take action Know Your Num

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#### Mko Gises February Citizen Announcements



Bryan and Caryl
Anderson of Carmel,
Indiana are pleased to
announce the wedding
of their daughter,
Madelyn Olivia
Anderson, to Joseph
Ryan Ledbetter, son
of Ron and Sherrie
Ledbetter of Fishers,
Indiana, in Westfield,
Indiana on December
28, 2013.

The bride, a graduate of Heritage Christian School, is currently pursuing her Marketing degree at Cedarville University, Cedarville Ohio. Maddie is one of three cocaptains on C.U.'s Women's Volleyball team.

The groom is also a graduate of Heritage Christian School. Ryan attended Cedarville University as well. After being drafted in the 2013 Major League Baseball draft in June, he is pitching in the minor leagues for the Texas Rangers organization. Ryan is the grandson of Elder Gorden "Gus" and Dorothy Gwilt and the late Elizabeth "Betty" Lemke Gwilt. Ryan is a member of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians.

Happy birthday mom/grandma/great-grandma Georgie Morseau February 7!

Love, your family

Congratulations on your beautiful new babies, **Cheryl Morseau** and **Rhonda Purcell**!

Love, your family

Happy 1st birthday Ellie Ann Rose Pompey Love, your family

Happy belated birthday to **Rick Lewis** January 3. Love your family

Happy belated birthday to cuz **Cleora (Stitch) Morseau**, January 6.

Love from the Lewis Clan

Happy birthday to James Watson Lewis February 9, Don Lewis Rummage February 3, Bill Lewis February 4, Justin Lewis February 7, Shelby Thomas February 8, Hailey Elizabeth Lewis February 14.

Love, your family



Special Happy Birthday to my valentine baby, **Hailey Elizabeth Lewis**.

Love, Uncle Bill Lewis



Happy belated birthday to **Bryce Rummage** January 15.

Love, Uncle Bill Lewis



Happy 11th birthday **Madison Ser,** February 28.



Happy 6th birthday **Liberty Ser**, February 29.



### **Interns Wanted**

Applications are now available for the Pokagon College Summer 2014 Internship Program.

The eight-week program runs from Monday, June 9 through Friday, August 1, 2014.

Pokagon college students will have the opportunity to gain work experience in Pokagon tribal government offices.

Tribal citizens 18 years and older by June 9,2014 who have completed 12 or more college credits and intend to continue college in the fall 2014 semester are eligible to apply.

Interested? For more information and to download your application visit www. pokagonband-nsn.gov. To have an application sent to you, contact the Pokagon Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 or connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

#### Applications are due by March 10, 2014







# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA THE POKAGONS TELL IT

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#### Warren Sworn-in as Chairman

John P. Warren took the oath of office as Tribal Council Chairman Saturday, February 8. Warren won the special election on Saturday, January 25. He served as a member-at-large on Council from 2006–2011, and has served as Council Treasurer since 2011, which he resigned before his official swearing-in.

Warren will also assume the position as Chairman and CEO of the Pokagon Gaming Authority Board. Born and raised in South Bend, Ind., Warren has served the Pokagon Band in some capacity for most of his adult life. While on Council prior to federal recognition, he worked with Notre Dame's Law School to create the first draft application that led to the reaffirmation of the Band's sovereignty in 1994. As Treasurer, he directed the implementation of quarterly financial reviews, key performance indicators, and financial policies and procedures for the developing Tribal Government.



Culturally, Warren has traveled the U.S. and Canada educating others about the Pokagon Band and Potawatomi culture. He is a traditional dancer, and a singer and drummer with the Ribbon Town Singers.

He holds an Associate Degree of Applied Science in Business Administration from Ivy Tech Community College and is a veteran of the U.S. Army and Indiana National



Guard. He and his wife of 37 years currently call Granger, Ind. home, and have three children and nine grandchildren.

### Pokagon Youth Lock-in Energizes (and Exhausts)

Fifty-seven Pokagon kids shared dinner and then embarked on a night filled with fun activities at the Department of Language and Culture's second annual Youth Lock-in. The event began Friday evening January 3 and continued overnight until January 4 at the Student Activities Center at Southwestern Michigan College.

One of the attendees, Chinodin Atkinson, said he enjoyed the fun activities, especially the sports. "It went well. We made dream catchers, played video games, volleyball, and stayed up all night. I fell asleep in the car on the way home."

"One of the highlights was a team building activity using an energy stick, which is a way to show how when everyone is connected, great things can happen," said Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator. "The basketball tournament run by Mark Pompey was fun, and everyone enjoyed making their own personal dream catchers with guidance from Jefferson Ballew. All of the children were happy and active throughout the night. All of the chaperones were exhausted by morning."

The energy stick activity had everyone hold hands in a circle. One participant held one end of the stick and a person next to him or her held the other end of the stick. If everyone in the circle is holding hands, the energy stick lights up. But as soon as someone breaks the circle, it will dim. The agenda was packed from night to morning with language events, leadership development, a hand drum contest, a volleyball tournament, Native American movies, billiards, a gaming system tournament and, finally, breakfast.

Organizers and youth were deeply honored to have Tribal Police First Sgt. Ben Graves speak at the Lock-in. Sgt Graves lost his son to suicide recently; he spoke about youth suicide prevention and wellness. Native youth have the highest rates of suicide-related deaths, so the group was profoundly grateful that he shared his significant story and perspective.

"Officer Graves' talk was touching and personal. I think it allowed the kids to really see what the effects of suicide are," said Susan Doyle, education associate. "It was also good to see many of the kids have the ability to introduce themselves in Potawatomi. The location at SMC was amazing."

The college allowed the Band to use its facilities free of charge, and supplied four staff throughout the entire evening.

"It was good," said Alycia Atkinson, Chinodin's mom. "The boys I took had fun."

#### One Story | Ngot Yajmowen Community Reading Project Hosts Two Events

The Pokagon Band is working with the Dogwood Fine Arts Festival Committee, the Dowagiac Area History Museum, the Dowagiac District Library, and Southwestern Michigan College on a reading project called One Story, or Ngot Yajmowen in Potawatomi. Everyone in the community is encouraged to read The Round House by Louise Erdrich, winner of the 2012 National Book Award for

fiction. Erdrich is a member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. The novel tells the story of a family and community nearly undone by violence on a reservation in North Dakota, but also offers a portrait of a community sustained by its traditions, values, faith, and stories. Throughout 2014 several book clubs will meet to discuss the novel, and the committee has planned a variety of events/

activities based loosely on themes from the novel. Below are descriptions of two such events held recently.

Everyone can participate; find event listings at www. onestoryread.com. If you have questions, please contact the Department of Education at (269) 462-4222 and ask for Kristie Bussler.

#### Pictures Worth a Thousand Years to Pokagon Band By John Eby, reprinted with permission from *The Southwestern*

Every purposeful picture tells a story, recycling and re-energizing symbols.

"We can't make anything on a whim. It always has to have meaning," Pokagon Band of Potawatomi cultural specialist Jefferson R. Ballew IV explained January 29 at Southwestern Michigan College.

"We take pride in being able to utilize anything with ingenuity to make it our own," he said, emphasizing "Injunuity" with air quotes. "Mink and otter from old stoles found at Goodwill."

"We don't waste anything," he said. Deer hide can be leggings or stretched taut across drum heads. Dancers shake deer toenails.

"I try to utilize things in creation that are graceful and agile. I try to emulate how grass moves. As a male traditional dancer, I'm supposed to tell you a story. In May at Rodgers Lake will be the traditional Pokagon Band pow wow. When we can understand one another's culture, it gives us the opportunity to be part of each other's lives socially."

Ballew's speech is part of a broader One Story | Ngot Yajmowen project involving the Pokagon Band, SMC, Dowagiac Area History Museum and Dogwood Fine Arts Festival.

Community members and college students are reading *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich which won the National Book Award for Fiction.

Before his "Living Arts" talk, Ballew demonstrated making dream catchers at the Student Activity Center in the Charles O. Zollar Building.

He invites his audience onstage in the Dale A. Lyons Building theatre to handle the hand-made objects that are his family's heirlooms.

"We have seven layers of skin as human beings," he said. "White birches have seven layers of bark. We are only to take the first four layers. We don't just go out into nature and start whacking away at trees. There's a very specific time we can harvest between April and June" to make baskets.

Ballew displays his bear paw turban emblematic of his Bear Clan. It is adorned with wampum, or shell beads, representing his family, clan and nation.

Red, blue and yellow on his dance shield are a guide to his spirituality.

Strawberries appear on its side because "mankind was lowered into a field of strawberries."

Turtle shell arm bands recall his time as a Montessori teacher with the Saginaw Chippewa tribe in Mount Pleasant and its youth drum, Little Turtle. The 74-member group of boys ages 6-16 sang and danced on the pow wow circuit.

Pink on his arm bands honor cancer survivors; blue signifies lupus which afflicts him and his mother.

"We view our drum as a grandmother," he said. "That's why only men sit around her. To have a male-female balance, our women stand behind us and sing."

Wild blueberries decorate the shield's bottom.

The Pokagon Band is known for Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa, the pow wow Labor Day weekend celebrating the end of huckleberry season.

Ballew, who grew up in Los Angeles, met his wife at Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa 23 years ago at St. Patrick's Park, so hearts decorate his shield, too.

"My shield tells who I am and where I come from ... for us, a picture is worth a thousand years."

In the long braid flowing down his back, "Each strand represents a person I will meet or have met. The longer my hair grows, the healthier my community will be."

#### Talk on Native Medicines Draws Many from Community

On Saturday, February 8 Andy Jackson of the Pokagon Band spoke to a crowd of 75 attendees at the Dowagiac Area History Museum at the latest event for One Story | Ngot Yajmowen. She described traditional medicines Native Americans use and how she is learning to grow, prepare, and administer those medicines to people who are interested in a natural alternative to pharmaceuticals. The discussion of medicines led to questions about other aspects of Potawatomi culture, and she offered explanations for her turtle drum, rattles, copper pots, wild ricing moccasins, and wild rice. She invited the group to try her bergamot tea, along with refreshments provided by the museum. The Pokagon Band provided several attendees with a copy of the book.

The Dowagiac Area History Museum and the Dowagiac District Library are hosting the next One Story | Ngot Yajmowen event: a book talk on *The Round House* at the museum Wednesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m.





#### Tribal Council and Court Meet with Federal Law Enforcement Agencies

Each year Tribal Council and Tribal Court conduct a government-to-government summit with the United States Attorney and staff of federal law enforcement agencies in the Western District of Michigan. Thursday, January 30 Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeff Davis and special agents from the FBI, DEA, Secret Service, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms came to the Community Center for the meeting. Along

with elected leadership and the judiciary, Jason M. Wesaw, government manager, Tribal Police Captain Chris Vancompernolle and victim services manager Casey Kasper discussed case updates, the Tribal Law and Order Act, the Violence Against Women Act reauthorization, and the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act





# WANT TO FIND OUT IF YOU COULD MAKE IT THROUGH ONE DAY OF TRADITIONAL TRAVELING?

DISCOVER THE ANSWER MAY 17-18, 2014

The Pokagon Band Department of Language and Culture youth programs is partnering with our Department of Natural Resources, the Tribal Police and the State of Michigan to offer a Traditional Travel down an eight-mile section of the Manistee River.

This event is open to all Native youth between the ages of 12—24.

We will honor the water, learn the importance and significance of water travel, feast mother earth for the things she provides, camp overnight in a rustic area, and fish in a traditional way.

The participants will learn survival skills and traditional teachings.

Participants will be required to follow all safety guidelines, rules, and regulations.

RSVP by contacting Dean. Or vis @Pokagon Band-nsn.gov or by calling the department of language and culture at  $(269)\ 462-4325$ 

This event will be limited to the first 15 participants.



### Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Pokégnek Yajdanawa is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in Pokegnek Yajdanawa. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the fourteenth of each month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047

Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

#### Fight Dry Winter Skin

#### By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse

No matter what age, most people experience flaky, itchy skin at some point when the weather gets chilly. The culprits may be winter wind, dry indoor air, harsh soaps, low humidity, or even a cold weather sunburn. With all of these seasonal conditions working against us, some tips to help keep your skin healthy and itch free during the winter months might be useful.

#### Prepare Your Skin by Clearing Away Old Skin Cells

Sloughing away dead cells is the first step to pampering your dry skin, because the clearer the skin, the deeper a moisturizer can penetrate. To shed old skin cells, exfoliating with an over-the-counter or prescription keratolytic moisturizer, one containing lactic or salicylic acid. And whether or not you're dealing with normal, sensitive, or dry skin, it's always a good idea to exfoliate gently. A soft scrub is all you need. If your skin is super dry or irritated, talk to your doctor before starting a new skin care product or regimen.

Once you've got a smooth surface to work with, soothe winter-dry skin with an oil-based moisturizer. Thick, heavy products like these have more staying power, and keep water from evaporating from your skin. If you're not a fan of moisturizers, you can also help dry skin with basic moisturizer ingredients such as coconut or mineral oil, petroleum jelly, or glycerin. Whichever product you choose, be sure to smooth on your preferred moisturizer right after a shower, then pat your skin dry.

#### Clean the Right Way

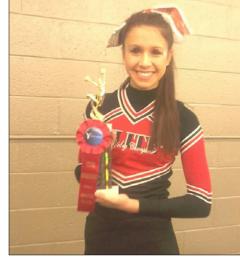
Warm showers and baths are the best option. Long, hot showers may feel good, but they can be troublesome for itchy skin, drying it out even further. The solution if you're dealing with dry skin: learn to warm up to short, lukewarm baths and showers, which help your body retain its natural, skin-protecting oils. When you bathe, use soap only on the spots that really need it, since the rest of your body doesn't tend to get very dirty, a simple warm-water wash everywhere else is fine and it helps you retain those vital natural oils.

Use a gentle cleanser, scented, deodorant, and anti-bacterial soaps can be harsh, stripping skin of essential oils. That's why many skin care experts suggest using non-scented, mild cleansers or soap-free products like Aveeno, Cetaphil, Dove,

# **Enrichment Program Helps Pokagon Youth Compete Nationally**

Lexis Heineman and her Young Champions Elite Division 6 cheerleading team recently earned second place in Michigan and are headed to the national competition in Las Vegas July 26. Lexis is a junior at Grand Haven High school and the Department of Education's Enrichment Program helped defray some of the costs of the trip.

"We are thankful for this program, and she has been blessed by this great opportunity," said her mom, Marcia Leonard. "Wish her luck! This is the greatest thing I have ever seen in our family and she will represent our tribe with grace."



To learn more about the Enrichment Program, visit www.pokagonband-nsn. gov/departments/education/k-12-programs/enrichment-programs. The program is open to 5th -12th grade students and available all year. You can be reimbursed up to \$500 for academic or extra-curricular programs for youth anywhere in the United States



Dreft, or Neutrogena. Body washes with petrolatum (another name for petroleum jelly) are also a great option for soothing very dry skin, helping to trap in water as you clean.

#### Be Aware of the Sun

Keep using sunscreen. Though the sun's rays are less intense in winter, those rays can still burn and damage your skin. Snow is an even better reflector than water, bouncing 80 percent of the sun's rays back to us, compared to less than 20 percent for sand and surf. For daily protection, try using a moisturizer with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15, and when heading outdoors for winter fun, use a sunscreen that protects against UVA and UVB rays, with an SPF of 15 or higher. And give your UV protection an even bigger boost by donning sunglasses, a hat, and scarf.

#### Get Your Diet into the Act

Eat up for better skin. A diet rich in healthy fats can be another crucial element in your fight against dry, itchy skin. That's because essential fatty acids like omega-3s help make up your skin's natural, moisture-retaining oil barrier. Too few of these healthy fats can not only encourage irritated, dry skin, but leave you more prone to acne, too. Give your diet an essential fatty acid boost with omega-3-rich foods like flax, walnuts, and safflower oil, as well as cold-water fish such as tuna, herring, halibut, salmon, sardines, and mackerel.

Hydrate yourself and your house. Dry indoor air can really irritate your skin, so give it a fighting chance by keeping inside air moist. Use a humidifier to increase the moisture, or even surrounding yourself with indoor plants. Don't forget to humidify from the inside out by drinking lots of water. To keep skin optimally hydrated, eight 8 ounce glasses of water daily is recommended.

#### Talk to your Provider

If these tips aren't helping, or if you develop eczema or other skin irritation, it's time to talk to a primary care provider. A provider may be able to prescribe stronger treatments to soothe dry skin. She or he can also help you tailor a skin care regimen that suits your individual needs. Talk to your primary care physician for a recommendation or call Pokagon Health Services at (269)782–4141.

#### 7GenAE is First Native American Tribally-Owned Business in Michigan to Receive 8(a) Certification from U.S. Small Business Administration

Seven Generations Architecture & Engineering, LLC (7GenAE), an architecture & engineering firm wholly owned by Mno-Bmadsen, was certified today as an 8(a) program participant by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). 7GenAE is the first Native American Tribally-Owned Business in the State of Michigan to achieve 8(a) status. The SBA 8(a) Business Development program is a nine-year program designed to help small disadvantaged businesses compete in the government contracting marketplace. Participation in the 8(a) program will allow 7GenAE to receive business development assistance from the SBA and to expand its services to federal agencies.

"Securing federal contracts will help us expand our tribal economy which in turn will bring additional investment to our regional economy. The Mno-Bmadsen Board of Directors launched 7GenAE committed to getting the company certified to secure federal contracts," said Eugene Magnuson, Chairman of the Mno-Bmadsen Board of Directors. "Achieving 8(a) certification is a major milestone for both 7GenAE and Mno-Bmadsen," said Troy Clay, CEO of Mno-Bmadsen, the holding company of 7GenAE. "It has been a very difficult process. The 7GenAE staff has put in a lot of work and has done a great job in building a good reputation for the company."

"We are very excited about the 8(a) certification, and we are very optimistic about the future," said Scott Winchester, General Manager at 7GenAE. "Achieving 8(a) status gives our company access to federal contracts designated as small disadvantaged set asides that were previously unavailable to us. This is a huge opportunity for growth, and we are eager and ready to enlist our services in government projects."

### Book Review: To Be an Indian: An Oral History edited by J. Cash and H. Hoover

#### By Sarah Eck

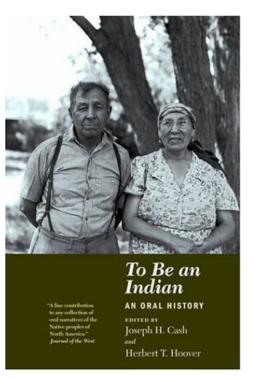
This is my first review for the book club recently initiated by the Pokagon Band. I would like to thank the Pokagon Education Department for this program and the opportunity to be a part of it. I have been shown a great level of kindness and generosity, and I sincerely appreciate it. Thank you!

To Be an Indian: An Oral History is a good choice for a Native American centered book club. The book is a collection of interviews conducted between 1968 and 1970. It includes personal stories from people who hail from the Sioux and Winnebago nations living in Nebraska and South Dakota. The book contains supplementary information about the interviewers; although their voice is rarely heard in the book, you can tell they have a great respect for the project and the people being interviewed.

The best way to describe this book is that it reads like a photomosaic picture where a large mural can be seen when you step back, but as you get closer, you notice that the mural is made up of dozens of tiny photographs. Each individual story is relatively short, usually only lasting one or two pages. However, the editors limit the topics to four themes, giving the book some cohesion.

Many of the stories include all of the emotion, prejudice, and experiences of the person telling the story. I am grateful that the editors allowed the stories to be preserved in the same voice that the stories were told; I think it shows how complicated life (and history) really is. For example, some of the people interviewed were grateful towards the government and/or church for sponsoring certain programs, schools and activities. Other people were angry or felt victimized regarding the same topics. I appreciated the diversity of opinions being presented, and I believed that the editors tried to give an equal voice for both sides of the story.

I appreciated this book because it allowed me to see a world I haven't experienced and one that I don't fully understand. My life is different than the lives described in this book. I was born in the 1980s and it's rare for me to experience discrimination or prejudice. The last chapter of the book, Today and Tomorrow, was much easier for me to relate to. The Native American story is complex and there isn't only one story out there. For as many people who feel victimized, there are also people who are taking advantage of opportunities and are looking forward to the future. Life isn't always easy, but there are Native Americans who are overcoming challenges and are leading successful lives. To be an Indian isn't just about holding onto the culture and traditions of our grandparents; it's also about laughing and



calling the tribal police when the naked hippies drop by for a dance. (If you missed that story, see page 218.) I'm grateful to the interviewers, editors, and publisher for making this book become a reality. I believe that anyone can pick up this book, and if they listen closely, they will walk away with a greater appreciation and respect about what it might mean to be an Indian.

The book club project is made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences.



#### ELDERS SNOWPLOW MONETARY REQUEST

APPLICANT INFORMATION					
Name:					
Current address:					
City:	State: ZIP Code:				
Phone Number	Tribal Enrollment #				
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This is for Pokagon elders anywhere in the U.S. to be reimbursed for snowplow services. You are responsible for finding your own service provider. Please complete and send to Petey Boehm, elders specialist, Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047. Call (800) 859-2717 with questions, or visit <a href="https://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/elders-council/upcoming-elders-events-and-projects">www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/elders-council/upcoming-elders-events-and-projects</a> for the online application.

By signing, I affirm that all information provided on this form to be true and correct. I also affirm that I understand that this request is limited to up to \$25 per request, with requester being responsible for any amount greater than \$25 and that the request is limited to \$100 for the 2013-2014 snow season.

Please include invoice or receipt for plowing services with this form.

Signature of applicant	Date



### Sign up for new service or add a line to your account and get a \$100 credit on your bill.

You can receive a \$100 bill credit\* for each new, qualified smartphone, tablet, feature phone, and mobile hotspot line of service you add to the nation's most reliable 4G LTE network\*\*. Now, it's more affordable than ever to add a whole new dimension to work and play.

Choose from a wide assortment of 4G LTE compatible devices and begin accessing email, browsing the web, and running the applications that power your life, all at lightning-fast speeds.

#### 15% discount

on qualified monthly services charges from AT&T. For federal government employees, including DoD, military and veterans. Take advantage of the \$100 bill credit – visit an AT&T retail store or go to att.com/100credit. For details on federal government discount, visit www.att.com/gov/movn.

Veterans, stop by a local store with your DD form 214, military veteran's I.D. card or AmVets membership card. Mention Military Veterans FAN 4085530.

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#### IMPORTANT INFORMATIO

\*Offer ends March 31, 2014 and is subject to change at any time. Activate a new portpaid line with virieless service and receive a \$10.0 bill credit. Ge/Phone\* not included. Must maintain service and good standing status for \$45 days to receive eredit. Credit received within 3 bill cycles. Offer may not be combinable with other credits or offers. Not interest in the combination of the credits or offers. Viriely and the credit is offers in the combination of the credits or offers. Viriely and the credit is offers in the combination of the credits or offers. Viriely and pay apply. Credit approval required. Geographic, usage, and other terms, conditions, and destrictions apply, and may result in service termination. Occurage and services not available events. The asset and then morthly charges apply.

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### **Language and Culture Sponsorships Offered**

The Department of Language and Culture believes in the importance of allowing Pokagon citizens the opportunity to experience Native American celebrations across the country while also representing the beautiful culture of the Pokagon Potawatomi. L&C is delighted to offer sponsorships for tribal citizens to attend pow wows, demonstrations, and other cultural events. To apply for a sponsorship, please visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/language-and-culture or call the office at (269) 462-4325 for applications.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/language-and-culture

### **Volunteer Opportunities for Community Hoop Houses**





The Pokagon Band has plans to build hoop houses this year. Hoop houses are like greenhouses, but without the glass and less expensive to build. Hoop houses allow farmers to extend the growing season of crops earlier into the spring and later after the first frosts of fall, possibly adding three or four months. Growing food in hoop houses protects tender plants from winds, heavy rains and blazing sunny conditions.

The hoop houses will serve two distinct purposes: one will be for community fruits and vegetables and one will be for traditional medicines. We are asking for any volunteers to help construct, plant, garden, and harvest the hoop houses. If individuals are not able to participate in the hoop house project, they may request a bucket garden and the youth will provide them with the bucket, soil, and plants of their choice.

There are lots of opportunities to participate and help. If you are an elder, or if you can't participate in the hoop house project but want help with a container garden, contact the Department of Language and Culture for more details at (269) 462-4325.





### **Sewing Class Offered in February and March**

Beginner sewing classes will be offered for women in the community. There will be three sessions taught by Christine Daugherty. The first class will cover sewing machine basics, making a basic bag, and taking measurements for a long skirt. During the second class the participants will make a long skirt. During the third class participants will learn how to make ribbon applique for their skirt or a dance shawl.

These classes will take place on February 23, March 9, and March 23 from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the Community Center. You must be able to attend all three sessions to take this course.

You must sign up to participate, as spaces very limited. If you want to attend please call Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324.

### **Parade Participants Wanted**

If you can sing, dance, drum, rattle, or wave we would like to invite you to participate in one or both of these amazing opportunities.

During the month of May, the Pokagon Band has been invited to partake in two of the areas premier parades:

#### Blossomtime Parade May 3

The Blossomtime Parade is the oldest and largest multi-community parade in Michigan and travels from Saint Joseph to Benton Harbor on May 3.

### Honoring our Veterans Parade May 26

The city of Dowagiac 'Honoring our Veterans' Parade begins on the main street of Dowagiac and ends with a special ceremony at the Riverside Cemetery on May 26.

### Language and Culture Seeking Adults to Share Skills with Youth

Do you have skills and energy to share with Pokagon youth? The Department of Language and Culture is compiling a pool of background-screened adults who could be on call to volunteer with our youth programming. If you hunt, fish, garden or gather; if you can teach art, drumming or another cultural talent; if you can coach lacrosse, basketball, or baseball, our kids and our tribe needs you. Some opportunities will be paid, others are volunteer. Contact the Language & Culture department (269) 462-4325 for more information.

### 2014 North American Indigenous Games



The 2014 North American Indigenous Games is July 20–27 in Regina, Saskatchewan. Native athletes ages 13–19 can compete in 15 different sports. If you'd like more info, visit www.regina2014naig.com or contact Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator at (269) 462–4290.



### **Pokagon Health Services Announces Extended Hours**

The Pokagon Health Clinic will offer extended hours once a week each Thursday evening starting January 9, 2014. Should extended hours become a big hit, staff will look at adding extended hours on more days of the week. Thursday night extended hours will go until 7:00 p.m., but transportation won't be offered. Please call (269) 782-4141 for appointments during extended hours, or if you have any questions.

### 2014 Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow Planned for May 24 & 25



Preparation has begun for the 2014 Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow, to be held the Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 24 & 25, 2014 at the Rodgers Lake pow wow grounds. The Pow Wow is named in recognition of the Pokagon Band community eagle staff carried by the Pokagon Band veterans, and the Pow Wow includes activities to honor all the veterans of the Pokagon Band community, as well as traditional dancing, singing, and crafts.

#### Volunteers needed for Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Committee

Initial planning has started, but the Committee is looking for volunteers for the ongoing planning and organizing for the event. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, feel free to contact Kevin Daugherty at (269) 591-1230.

The Committee meets the second Monday of every month, with a potluck and business at 5:30 p.m. Meetings are at the Administration Building, unless otherwise posted.

#### Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen logo design contest, two age categories

The Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow Committee seeks submissions for the 2014 logo to be used for t-shirt designs, the flyer, and the program for the upcoming Pow Wow. Again this year, the Committee has two age categories for this contest:

- Pokagon Band youth 12 years of age and younger (hand-drawn preferred)
- Pokagon Band citizens and spouses of any age

The artists who create the winning designs for the pow wow will each be awarded a sweatshirt and a \$100 gift card from the Committee. (please note: the prize amount was incorrectly stated in the last newsletter.) Also, while the Committee wants to support the community's artists, the Committee reserves the right to accept or deny any or all of the designs submitted, and all decisions of the Committee are final.

Please send images to Kevin Daugherty by March 31 by any of the following means:

- Deliver in person at the Administration Building at 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047
- By mail or delivery service to the same address
- By e-mail at Kevin.Daugherty@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

The Committee looks forward to many great designs!



### 2014 Native American Critical Issues

March 20-22, 2014 Mount Pleasant, Michigan

#### STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGH EDUCATIONAL SELF- RELIANCE

Conference will focus on using our cultural knowledge and tools of today as a means to strengthen our Anishinaabeg communities and generations to come.

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Those with an interest in the education of Native American students including leaders in Tribal government, State government, Title VII Directors, School Administrators, Teachers, Parents, Native Elders, Counselors/Career Development specialists, and University staff.

### CONFERENCE GOALS:

Introducing the next generation to the technologies that will allow them to succeed in the

Facilitating the exchange of ideas between educators, agencies, tribal entities, and families for better educational strategies.

To discuss tactics for classrooms and agencies that affect families as a unit to realize the full potential of each.

> This conference will feature valuable teachings for improving ourselves, our families, our clans, and our communities

The Native Youth will have a special youth track designed specifically for our Tribal youth.

This event is open to all Native families and youth. Please RSVP to confirm your registration and stay at the Soaring Eagle Casino and Resort. You may RSVP by contacting: Dean.Orvis@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or by calling the department of language and culture at (269) 462-4325

Please inquire about attending the Central Michigan annual pow-wow at the conclusion of this event.



### Train Together for the Family Olympics

What: Michigan Indian Family Olympics, something for all ages. All Michigan Tribes participate

When: leading up to Summer 2014



Participate in three of the training events offered and receive a gift incentive. Involvement in one school sport can substitute for one of the three trainings.

These events are open to Native Americans and their families, and Pokagon Band staff and their families.

### Training Schedule:

#### January 2014

🙀 January 4 | Community Center | 3:00p.m.-5:00p.m. January 25 | Hartford High School | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

January 26 | Camp Beech Point 3212 125th Ave Allegan MI | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

March 2014

March 7 | Community Center | 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m. March 26 | Hopkins High School | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

March 29 | Hartford High School | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

\* April 2014

April 12 | Hartford High School | 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.





### "Healing the Scars" Mt. Pleasant Boarding School **Trip Planned**



The Veterans and Youth Councils will be participating in the annual boarding school remembrance ceremony in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

This ceremony honors those who were victims of the boarding school and remembers the many children who died while attending the school.

The "Honoring, Healing & Remembering" ceremony happens the same day every year to commemorate the last operational day of the boarding school: June 6, 1934.

If you would like to partake in this healing ceremony please contact one of our veterans or the department of language and culture at: (269) 462-4325



### FINANCIAL WELLNESS WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 5, 2014 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**The Community Center** 27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Chi Ishobak and the Pokagon Band Department of Housing have collaborated to introduce a new financial education program for Pokagon Band citizens. More than just information, this program is designed to identify financial behaviors and the cultural relevance associated with them. This workshop will cover five key areas that address the basic aspects of personal financial management and provide participants with the tools and processes to take control of their financial health. These areas include: savings, communication, budgeting, debt, and purchase behaviors.

- Lunch will be provided
- There is no registration fee
- Please call to confirm attendance

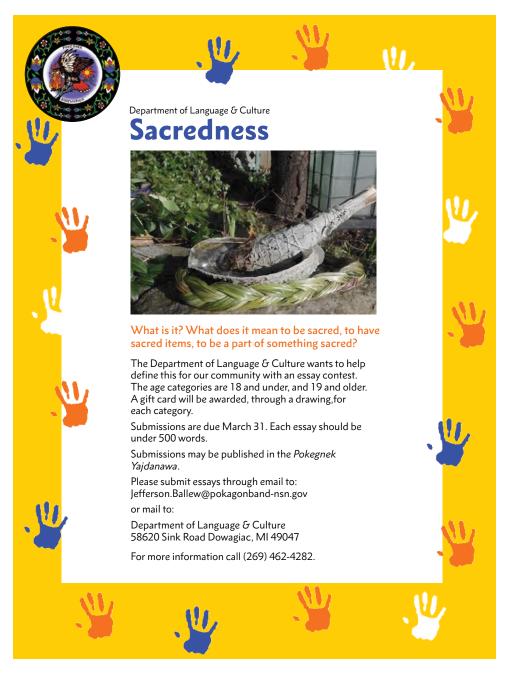
For more information, please contact Chi Ishobak, Sean Winters at (269) 783-4157 or at sean.winters@chiishobak.org



Saturday Hartford High S April 12, 2014 121 School Street Hartford High School Hartford, M1, 49057 1:00-4:00 pm

RSVP: pokagon-band-easter-party.eventbrite.com

3-on-3 basketball tournament to follow the party. For more information, email collin.church@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Department of Language & Culture

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**WE WILL MAKE SUGAR** 



March 2014 (tbd by when the sap runs) Rodgers Lake campus, Dowagiac M1

Please bring your family to visit and volunteer at our sugar bush camp at Rodgers Lake. This is time for families to work together to honor the first gift from the Creator.

We begin by tapping trees, cleaning up the woods and cutting wood.

Volunteers are needed at all times of the day as the fire needs to burn continuously.

Volunteer opportunities:

- Wood crew (cut, split and stack)
- Fire keepers
- Kitchen (help to clean and cook inside and outside)
- Sap collectors, carriers and skimmers
- Evaporator tenders
- Story tellers greatly appreciated

To volunteer or for more information, contact Jefferson Ballew at (269) 462-4282 or jefferson.ballew@pokagonband-nsn.gov or call Language & Culture office at (269) 462-4290.









 ${\it Join Pokagon Health Services, Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Education and Language \& Culture}$ 

### **Family Fishing Tournament**

Saturday, May 10, 2014 Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. at Gage St. Lake

#### **Fish Tales**

- Registration is required. Onsite registration is available.
- You must wear a life jacket! No exceptions. Limited number of personal flotation devices available for those who can't provide their own.
- Limited number of canoes (reserve one by pre-registering).
- You may use your own boat but the gas tank must be removed. Please note, the launch is very rustic. Limit to 14–foot boats.
- Fishing poles and bait available.
- RSVP online at Family-Fishing-Tournament.eventbrite.com

For more information, contact Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator, at Dean.Orvis@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or call Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325



Grand Prize Charter Fishing Trip for 4 on Lake Michigan





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### Youth Elders Detroit Tigers Jame Two great events; one great weekend

Where: Comerica Park, Detroit, M.J. Date: Saturday, April 5 - Sunday, April 6

Pokagon Band's Senior and Junior Youth Councils invite our Elders to the 3rd annual Pokagon Band Detroit Tigers Getaway.

This year features two options:

Two Days | Attend the U of M pow wow, stay overnight and enjoy the game One Day | Attend the game

RSVP with your option by Saturday, March 8, 2014

We look forward to respectfully promoting and protecting the culture, dignity, education, health, welfare and self-sufficiency of our elders, youth, families and future generation while preserving Mother Earth. We will strive to give our people a better quality of life and fully exercise tribal sovereignty.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Dean Orvis at Dean.Orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov or Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325.





### 3-on-3 Family **Basketball Tourney**

4:00 PM tip off

April 12 2014 Hartford High School 115 School St. Hartford, MI

This event is open to the whole family. Pre-register for the double elimination bracket by March 15 and receive a free t-shirt. Late registration entries all play single elimination. Registration is free for Native participants. Non-native teams are welcome with a \$20 registration. Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams in each division.

Mens + Womens divisions

15 and under

16 - 20

21 - 3435 and over To register: pokagon-band-3-on-3.eventbrite.com Questions? Contact Dean Orvis (269) 462-4290 or email dean.orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Everyone is invited! If you are interested in learning Neshnabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.



#### **Learn More About PHS's Hotline**

The Pokagon Health Services Hotline is available at (800) 775–1008 or www. reportlineweb.com/PokagonBand 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Below is a Q&A that might clarify the Hotline's purpose.

#### Q. What is the Health Services Hotline?

The Hotline is an anonymous reporting tool that provides patients and staff the opportunity to report potential misconduct in the workplace.

#### Q. May I report using either the Internet or the telephone?

Yes, by giving you choices, the Hotline ensures that members of our community can file a report anonymously and in the manner most comfortable or convenient to them.

#### Q. Why do we need a reporting tool like the Hotline?

Reporting hotlines have proven to be an effective tool in reducing losses and helping to protect institutional financial strength.

#### Q. Does Tribal Council really want me to report?

Yes. In fact, we need you to report. You know what is going on in your department both good and bad. You may have initial knowledge of an activity that may be cause for concern. Your reporting can minimize the negative impact related to potential misconduct.

### Q. Does the Hotline replace reporting situations to the manager or other offices? What type of situations should I report on the Hotline?

The Hotline does not replace any of our standard reporting tools, but there are several good reasons why you should consider using the Hotline as well. First, the Hotline ensures that your report gets to the appropriate people. More importantly, reports can be filed anonymously and all report information is secure and held in the strictest confidence.

The Hotline is designed to accept reports for the following type of concerns.

- 1. Financial matters relating to accounting or internal control issues, fraud, theft or other financial issues.
- 2. Regulatory matters relating to confidentially issues, falsification of reports or other issues.
- 3. Information technology matters relating to the inappropriate use of technology or misuse of technology resources.
- 4. Misconduct of staff relating to citizens.
- 5. Any situation in which you were uncomfortable with at the clinic.

### Q. Is the Hotline an appropriate reporting tool for something as personal and important as sexual harassment?

If you are uncomfortable contacting the Director, of Health Services, sexual harassment reports can be taken over the Hotline.

#### Q. What shouldn't I report using the Hotline?

The Hotline is not a "911" service for emergency issues or actions.

#### Q. Can I file a report from home and still remain anonymous?

A report from home, a neighbor's computer, or any internet portal will remain secure and anonymous. An internet portal never identifies a visitor by screen name so that anonymity is totally maintained. Plus, the Hotline is contractually committed not to pursue a reporter's identity.

# Q. I am concerned that the information I provide the Hotline will ultimately reveal my identity. How can you assure me that will not happen? The Hotline system is designed to protect your personal identity. However, you as a reporting party need to ensure that the body of the report does not reveal your

a reporting party need to ensure that the body of the report does not reveal your identity by accident, for example, "From my cube next to Jan Smith, I saw ..." or "In my 33 years..."

### Q. I am not sure what I have observed or heard is a violation of policy, or misconduct, but it just does not look right to me. What should I do?

File a report. The Hotline can help you prepare and file your report so it can be properly understood. We'd rather you reported a situation that turned out to be harmless than let possible misconduct go unchecked because you weren't sure.

#### Q. Where do these reports go? Who can access them?

Reports are entered directly on a secure server operated by an independent company. The reports are available only to specific individuals within the department who are charged with evaluating the type of violation and location of the incident. Each of these report recipients has had training in keeping these reports in the utmost confidence. The Hotline system and staff are trained and committed to ensure that no report is ever shared with implicated parties, their peers, or subordinates.

# My Health Support Group



Thursday, March 20 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Pokagon Community Center

A time for all Pokagon families to get together and discuss wellness issues with Pokagon Health Services providers and staff. Citizens, spouses, significant others and adult children welcome. Join us for a nutritious dinner and learn strategies for improving your health.

### **Counselors and Specialty Service Providers Needed for Culture Camp 2014**

The Department of Language and Culture is looking for Camp Counselors and specialty service providers for the Summer Youth Culture Camp for the positions of: 1) lifeguard 2) nurse 3) caterer 4) Junior Camp Counselor and 5) Senior Camp Counselor. The lifeguard will only be needed for identified days and times of the camp, but the nurse and caterer are required to be available for the duration of the camp – which is scheduled for June 17 - 27, 2014. All camp staff is required to attend a mandatory orientation and training, date to be announced.

#### **Counselor Requirements:**

- At least 18 years of age for Junior Counselors
- Prior experience working with youth for Senior Counselors
- Culturally knowledgeable, sensitive and open minded.
- High school graduate/college preferred
- Experience working with youth, classroom management, and public speaking.
- Must be able to work as a team.
- Physically capable to participate in most camp activities
- Available from June 17 27,2013
- Able to pass a criminal background check, drug screening, and fingerprinting If you are interested in being a part of the 2014 Culture Camp team, please contact Heather Farver in the Human Resources Department at (269) 462-4267.

### **Riddle**

Mail in your correct answer or email it to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov in the Department of Education and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card.WAIT... another way to win is to mail or email your own riddle and the person whose riddle is selected for the next newsletter will win a gift card. Last month's riddle winner is Sanda Nead, who answered "Mr. Blue lives in the blue house, Mr. Pink lives in the pink house, and Mr. Brown lives in the brown house. Who lives in the white house?"The answer is "The President." Cameron Taylor submitted a new riddle, so check it out!

"What's bigger than you, but doesn't weigh anything?"

### **Cultural and Activity Presenters Wanted**

The Domestic Violence Program is looking for cultural and activity presenters to run monthly presentations. You do not have to be a domestic violence survivor to get involved, however we do ask that you focus your presentation on healthy relationships, respect, and the importance of women in the community. All presenters will be paid for up to two hours of work, in addition to mileage and supply reimbursement.

If you have any additional questions or are interested in getting involved please contact Casey Kasper, victim services manager/case worker at (269) 462-4324 or via e-mail at casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

This Notice was mailed to the Respondent on January 15, 2014 by first class mail. It was returned by the USPS on January 29, 2014 with a Return to Sender label that stated "Not Deliverable as addressed, unable to forward". The Court has approved the publication of this Notice because there is no valid address.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COURT	NOTICE BY PUBLICATION	CASE NO. 14-2565-PCDCS
58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047	Phone (2	269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

### **NOTICE**

OF

### (1) ORDER TO STAY DISTRIBUTION OF PER CAPITA PAYMENTS; AND

(2) PETITION/AFFIDAVIT TO WITHHOLD PER CAPITA PAYMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT

To: David Christopher Drake
Respondent's Name

- 1. Notice is hereby given that a *Petition/Affidavit to Withhold Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* was filed with the Tribal Court on January 14, 2014.
- 2. Tribal law **mandates** that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy **delinquent** court-ordered child support. See Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.
- 3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. See 28 USC § 1738B, Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act.
- 4. An *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been entered by the Court against your payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The *Order to Stay Distribution of Per Capita Payments* has been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for distributions of per capita payments.
- 5. An Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support shall be entered by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the:
  - a. RECOGNITION of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6; or
  - b. ENFORCEMENT of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 7.
- 6. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the **recognition** of the *Order to Withhold* and *Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that the:
  - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
  - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
- 7. Unless you file an objection to the **enforcement** of the foreign court order, an *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* will apply **ALL** of your per capita payments to satisfy the **delinquent** court-ordered child support until such time as the **delinquent** child support obligation is satisfied, or until further order of this Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that:
  - a. you do not owe a DELINQUENT child support obligation; or
  - b. redirection of all of your per capita payments would create an EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP to your health or general welfare.
- 8. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* should not be granted by this Court.

### Pokagon Band LEGO League Team Invited to Join Edwardsburg Team





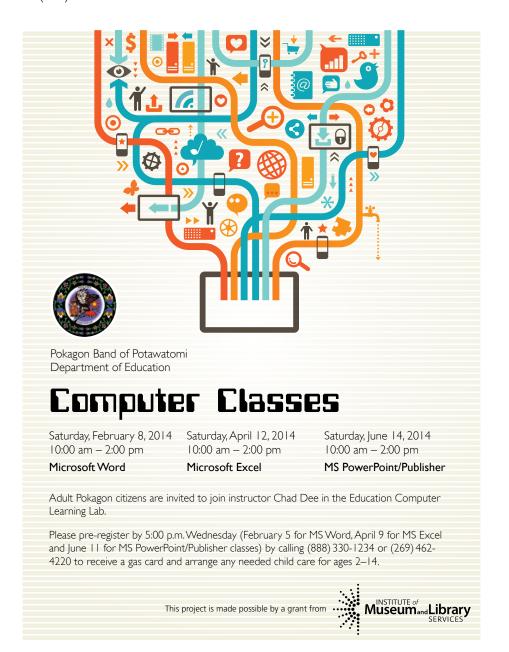
The Pokagon Band LEGO League team has been invited to join the Eddy Currents of Edwardsburg at a LEGO League Open House April 26 at Southwestern Michigan College. The teams and their coaches will

be there to showcase the LEGO League competitions, and provide information to anyone interested in starting or joining a team. If you've ever thought about checking out LEGO League and wanted more

details on the robotics and team building activities, please mark your calendars and check out www. pokagonband-nsn.gov or the April *Pokegnek Yajdanawa* for specific times and location.

### **Apprentice Program Contact Changed**

Carpenters apprentices and those interested in the apprenticeship program: Traci Henslee, workforce training and resource specialist, is the new contact for the apprenticeship program. You can reach her at traci.henslee@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4227.





Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education

### **Career Workshop**

Saturday, January 11 10:00 am – 2:00pm Saturday, March 8 10:00 am – 2:00pm Saturday, May 10 10:00 am – 2:00pm

Online Job Search, Resume Submittal & Using Social Networking

Dealing with Barriers to Employment Interview Skills

Adult Pokagon citizens are invited to join instructor Lanre Ajayi in the Education Training Room. We will provide adult tribal citizens with child care, gas cards to cover transportation to and from workshop, and a \$30 gift card to the movies. Treat yourself after doing something good for your future!

As space and child care assistance is limited, please pre-register by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior (Jan 8, Mar 5 and May 7) at (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220.

This project is made possible by a grant from



### Purple Shawl Workshop Scheduled for March 16







The Department of Social Services is hosting a Purple Shawl workshop on Sunday, March 16, 2014 from 1 PM-5 PM at the Community Center. This project raises awareness for domestic violence in our community. You do not have to be a domestic violence survivor to participate, however we ask that you not share any information about program attendees. You

also do not have to be an experienced seamstress to attend, however if you are, your help is greatly appreciated. Please bring a dish to pass.

If you have any questions please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.





This year's Culture Camp will feature several Neshnabé specialists from the Pokagon Band. The Camp's focus is on our traditional language, customs, and wellbeing while creating a fun and exciting camp experience for everyone. You are invited to partake in this thrilling mix of hands-on activities and interactive learning. Registration is based on a first-serve basis. Stay tuned for registration to open later this spring.

Come learn the traditional way to make moccasins, lacrosse sticks, black ash baskets, rattles, drum sticks, bead work, shawls, bird houses and more.

Campers enjoy a variety of activities like these from past camps: Language lessons, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, physical fitness, traditional games, creating a newsletter, cultural teachings, financial responsibility, summer ceremonies and more.

Session One 2nd - 5th grades Tuesday, June 17-Friday, June 20 Session Two 6th-12th grades Monday, June 23 - Friday, June 27

### **Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications**

To maintain effective communications, it is critical that citizens keep their addresses—and those of their children—updated. Many addresses currently in our system are out of date or undeliverable. If you move, please let the enrollment office know as soon as possible, and have your and your dependent's address updated. If your bank account is closed, we mail a live check to you in the next Per Capita check run. If your address is undeliverable, you will not receive this check until you have updated your address.

Contact enrollment coordinator Beth Edelberg at (888)782-1001 to change your address.

### **Per Capita News**

The Enrollment Office needs the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment Office at (269) 782–1763 or Barb Vincent in the Finance Department at (269) 462–4209.

			Christmas				
Enrollment #	Name	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	Х	х	х	Х	х	
202	Jeffrey Morseau					х	Х
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	х	х	х	х	х	Х
857	Peter John Ramirez	х	х	х	х	х	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	х	х	х	х	х	
1598	Siloman Askin Temple					х	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			х	х	х	Х
2429	Larry Pierce Jr.					х	
2595	James Hamstra				х	х	
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		Х	х	х	х	Х
4442	Mason Tyler Currey					х	

Please note - you must have a deliverable address on file.

### Attention 18- to 20-Year-Olds | Per Capita Information

Attention all high school seniors who are graduating from high school or individuals who may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Attn: Enrollment Office P O Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047 OR fax to: (269) 782-1964

The document must be received by April 15 in order to make it on the May 2014 check run. Anything received after April 15 will be processed on the check run for July. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

### Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, December 6, 2013	Thursday, December 19, 2013	Friday, December 20, 2013
Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Thursday, January 30, 2014	Friday, January 31, 2014
Friday, February 14, 2014	Thursday, February 27, 2014	Friday, February 28, 2014
Friday, March 14, 2014	Thursday, March 27 2014	Friday, March 28, 2014
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Tuesday, April 29, 2014	Wednesday, April 30, 2014
Thursday, May 15, 2014	Thursday, May 29, 2014	Friday, May 30, 2014
Friday, June 13, 2014	Thursday, June 26, 2014	Friday, June 27, 2014
Tuesday, July 15, 2014	Wednesday, July 30, 2014	Thursday, July 31, 2014
Friday, August 15, 2014	Thursday, August 28, 2014	Friday, August 29, 2014
Monday, September 15, 2014	Monday, September 29, 2014	Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Wednesday, October 15, 2014	Thursday, October 30, 2014	Friday, October 31, 2014
Monday, November 3, 2014*	Tuesday, November 25, 2014	Wed, November 26, 2014

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that in December the deadline to receive changes is December 6 and November the deadline to receive changes is November 3, this is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

### Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

For those tribal citizens receiving per capita checks in the mail and who do not have direct deposit, enclosed with your check you will find a direct deposit and a tax withholding form. These will be included with your check every month until we achieve 100% direct deposits.

The tribe is currently having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe is offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. We are making efforts to give everyone a chance to set up a bank account of your choice and on your own.

As always, the tax withholding form is not mandatory although highly suggested as per capita payments are subject to federal and state taxes. The tribe only withholds federal taxes with a completed form, state taxes are the responsibility of the citizen.

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. Both of the above stated forms are available online at www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as I receive it by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as I do not receive any errors from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

#### Tribal Council March Calendar of Events

- 3 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 4 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 8 Tribal Council, Community Center 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 11 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 17 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 18 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 24 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 25 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 29 Annual Membership meeting, Dowagiac Middle School, 10 a.m.
- 31 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

To hear what is being served for the elders lunches in March, please call (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 noon.

### Tribal Council **April** Calendar of Events

- I Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 7 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 8 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 15 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 21 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 22 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 28 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 29 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

### **Blood Pressure**

Native American adults are **1.3** times more likely to have high blood pressure.

**120 / 80** normal blood pressure is at or below

Native American adults are almost **2x** more likely to die from diabetes-related complications.

100 mg/dL
Blood Sugar



### **Cholesterol Levels**

total cholesterol level 200 mg/dL

HDL (GOOD! CHOLESTEROL)
40 mg/dL

LDL (BAD! CHOLESTEROL)
130 mg/dL

Traditionally, Native Americans were very active.

Body Mass Index (BMI)

POKAGON HEALTH SERVICES

underweight < 18.5 normal weight 18.5–24.9 overweight 25–29.9 obese 30 or greater



**30%** OF NATIVE AMERICAN ADULTS ARE OBESE.



take action

Know Your Numbers

### **Tribal Office Directory**

Administration Information Technology 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998 Toll Free (800) 517-0777 FAX (269) 782-6882

Commodities (269) 782-3372 Toll Free (888) 281-1111 FAX (269) 782-7814

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### **Elders Council Directory**

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Vacant (269) 462-5139

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Secretary

Audrey Huston (269) 591-4519

**Treasurer** 

**Clarence White** (269) 876-1118

Member at Large

Ruth Saldivar (269) 214-1279

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Dean Orvis

Youth Cultural Coordinator

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### Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted

Both Senior and Junior Youth Councils are open to any Pokagon youngster. Anyone can join, and eventually run for the executive board. Besides the age divisions, there are differences between the two groups. The Junior Youth Council provides a voice for native youth between the ages of 12 and 18. The Council promotes the development of future tribal leaders through educational attainment and Potawatomi language, culture, pride, and identity. The Junior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for native youth to interact for fun and friendship.

The Senior Youth Council provides a voice for Pokagon citizens between the ages of 18 and 24. The Senior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for Pokagon young adults to interact for fun and friendship. The Council mobilizes members toward positive goals, promotes the development of future tribal leaders and educates native youth about tribal government.

### Nmébne Gises March Citizen Announcements



Happy 6th birthday March 31 Sydney Ann Morseau-Olson.

Love, Mom, Dad, Chelsy, and James



Happy 2nd birthday March 23 James Andrew Morseau-Olson

Mom, Dad, Chelsy, and Sydney



Happy 5th birthday, Ryleigh! Love, Mommy and Daddy

Happy 10th birthday February 19 Kayla! I am so proud to be

Ruth Marian Zimmerman June 16, 1922 – January 21,

She was born in Kalamazoo and has lived her entire life in the area. She married Harold Zimmerman in 1941 and he preceded her in death in 1988. Together they owned and operated R&H

Enterprises for more than 30 years. Services were held at the Parchment United Methodist Church, 225 Glendale, of which she was member for more than 50 years. Burial will be in the East Cooper Cemetery. Members of her family include her children: Dan (Pat) Zimmerman, Bonnie (Brian) Spaulding, Steve (Claudia) Zimmerman, and Betti (Ron) Wielenga; 9 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; a greatgreat-grandchild; and a sister, Phyllis Taber. Besides her husband she was preceded in death by her brother, Arthur Major and a granddaughter Maj-Britt Ann Spaulding. Please visit Ruth's personal memory page at www.lifestorynet.com where you can read her life story, archive a favorite memory or photo and sign her guestbook online. Contributions may be made to the Shriner Hospital for Children or Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan.



My Sweet Babydoll They say there is reason for everything in life I don't understand why you had to go But I know one day I will see you again Until then, I will miss you everyday And carry your memory with me always. I love you

Love Uncle Bill

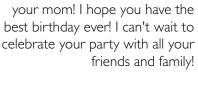


Happy birthday to Gail Lewis Williams March 5 Love little bro Billy



Happy 26th birthday to niece Monica Leigh **DeGraw** 

Love Uncle Bill





### **Interns Wanted**

Applications are now available for the Pokagon College Summer 2014 Internship Program.

The eight-week program runs from Monday, June 9 through Friday, August 1, 2014.

Pokagon college students will have the opportunity to gain work experience in Pokagon tribal government offices.

Tribal citizens 18 years and older by June 9, 2014 who have completed 12 or more college credits and intend to continue college in the fall 2014 semester are eligible to apply.

Interested? For more information and to download your application visit www. pokagonband-nsn.gov. To have an application sent to you, contact the Pokagon Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 or connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

### Applications are due by March 10, 2014







# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA THE POKAGONS TELL IT

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### April 15 is Right around the Corner: Do You Know Where to Get Tax Info?

It happens each year, but that doesn't make it any easier or more pleasant: April 15 is the date for submitting annual tax documents to state and federal governments. Read on for information on whom at the Pokagon government to contact if you need answers on tax filing questions for Minors Trust, per capita and stipend payments, W-2s or 1099s. (But keep in mind tribal government staff aren't tax consultants or preparers. If you have in depth questions, you may need to contact a tax professional.)

For Michigan state tax agreements and information on Michigan state tax withholdings, contact Julie Rodriguez at (269) 462-4210.

Rachel Sheeley can answer questions about 2013 tax withholdings for per capita or other 1099 reported stipends. Reach her at (269) 462-4207.

Paul Lauridsen can assist on payroll and stipend payment withholdings for employees and members of any Pokagon Boards, Councils, Commissions or Committees. Please contact him at (269)462-4211.

Providence First is the trustee for the Pokagon Band's Minors Trust. You can speak to a representative there by calling (800) 350-0208. The per capita payments for the minors are deposited in the Pokagon Minors Trust before the money is taxed. The money held for the benefit of the minor child is invested without tax consequences until the money is distributed. The money in trust is not taxed until it is taken out of trust. When you receive money from the trust or a payment is made to someone else (for example, a store or an orthodontist) on your behalf, that money is considered to be federally taxable income. The IRS knows per capita is taxable income and aggressively monitors the tax procedures,

withholdings and payments of these per capita trusts. Further, there are many tax forms required to be filed with the IRS and also issued to tribal citizens.

**Form 1041:** First, the Minors Trust needs to file tax returns, even if taxes are not owed. Providence Trust files a master tax return on the IRS Form 1041 for the trust each year.

**Form 1099s:** Also, IRS Form 1099s need to be issued each year to every tribal citizen that receives both adult and/or trust per capita distributions. This requires having accurate information maintained in the Pokagon Enrollment office or collecting Form W-9s to ensure proper matching of citizen names and particularly social security numbers with data filed on annual IRS tax forms. You may receive multiple 1099s from both the tribe and Providence First, depending on where per capita payments are coming from.

Tax Withholding: Another tax process that requires careful attention is required tax withholdings. When the distribution amounts reach certain levels, tax withholdings are required under specific IRS tables for Native American per capita payments and such withholdings must be paid to the IRS in a specific way and time. Tribal citizens currently have the option to select from several percentages of federal withholdings they would like for their adult per capita and related stipend payments. Currently the tribe does not offer any ability to withhold for state purposes, due to the wide array of citizens across the United States.

**Payroll Tax Withholdings:** If you receive a W-2 from the tribe and need to adjust your federal or state withholdings, then the proper W-4 needs to be completed and filed with Lori Harris in the Department of Human Resources.

### Pokagons Honor Co-Editor of Cohen's Handbook

Tribal Council, Tribal Court and the Pokagon Promise committee honored Dean Nell Jessup Newton of the Notre Dame Law School at a dinner March 6 for her work in editing *Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law*, a preeminent resource used throughout Indian Country. The dinner was held at the Morris Inn on the campus of Notre Dame.

Jason S. Wesaw began the evening with an honor song for Dean Newton. The group commissioned Wesaw to create a pottery piece to be gifted to the Dean for her important legal work with Native Americans.

The group gathered after the dinner below a photo of the Notre Dame Golden Dome: left to right: Ed Williams, general counsel of the Pokagon Band, Stephen Rambeaux, court administrator of the Pokagon Tribal Court, Matt Martin, VP of security at Four Winds Casino Resort, Judy Winchester, Chairman John Warren of the Pokagon Band, Acting Treasurer Tom Topash of the Pokagon Band, Dean Newton, Michaelina Magnuson-Martin, Andrea Topash-Rios, associate professional specialist at Notre Dame, Paul Shagen (Bay Mills), associate general counsel of the Pokagon Band and adjunct law instructor at Notre Dame, Tim Sexton, associate VP of Public Affairs at Notre Dame, and Jason S. Wesaw.





### Pokagon Youth Learn from UNITY Midyear Conference

Marcus Winchester remembers when he was 16 and he attended a UNITY conference. "It made an impression on me to see that many Indian kids, all there in the same place to figure out how to improve their communities," he recalled.

Winchester recently revisited that experience, but as an advisor for a group of Pokagon youth at the UNITY Midyear Conference in Washington, D.C. February 26 to March 2. He accompanied Collin Church and Robert and Daniel Dick to the conference. UNITY formed in 1976 to foster the development of American Indian youth and build a strong, unified, and self- reliant Native America through greater youth involvement.

"The topics were different, and felt relevant to their lives," Winchester said. "There was an energy; they had a DJ playing music in between sessions. I liked the way things were communicated."

Winchester says that among the advisors there was a strong sense of networking, and they discussed cultural exchanges between tribal youth councils. He also noticed that the majority of the advisors mentioned that they attended UNITY when they were younger.



For Collin Church, one highlight was meeting with Michigan Senator Carl Levin at his Capitol Hill office. "I asked him about college tuition, and the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver, which is based on blood quantum. When eventually no one meets that blood quantum, what is the future of higher education for natives?"

The Pokagons visited with staff from the Center for Native American Youth while in DC, and toured the Resource Center at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian.

"That was my favoring part of the trip," said Winchester. "We saw old ribbons shirts, bandolier bags, and cradle boards from the Great Lakes area. Most were Potawatomi."

"I liked getting to know other natives, and learning about their struggles," said Church. "We shared some of our stories, like offering community service hours, and providing more opportunities to be involved."

UNITY is currently seeking Native American youth between the ages of 14 to 25, who have shown a commitment to serving their communities, to apply to their 25 Under 25 program.



Visit http://unityinc.org/ to learn more.

### **New Website Design Unveiled**

If you haven't been to the tribal government's website www.PokagonBand-nsn. gov in a while, you're in for a brand new experience. The site has been undergoing a redesign lately, and we think you'll like the results. The new design features expanded cultural and relevant citizen content, plus more opportunities to feature photos—and in the future—audio and video. The navigation is easier too: more ways to find the information you're looking for. We'll also be rolling out more webforms soon, to make submitting information and applying for programs or services paperless.

For Pokagon citizens, the login information is different as well. No longer will you need to create an account and wait for (and remember!) a password to be able to see the citizen-only content. All you need to do is enter your Last Name, your Date of Birth and your tribal ID number in the fields provided, and for the next 24 hours you can see minutes and webcasts of Tribal Council meetings. Then once that 24 hours is up, you simply can resubmit that same information to view those protected pages.

We look forward to your feedback!





### WANT TO FIND OUT IF YOU COULD MAKE IT THROUGH ONE DAY OF TRADITIONAL TRAVELING?

DISCOVER THE ANSWER MAY 17-18, 2014

The Pokagon Band Department of Language and Culture youth programs is partnering with our Department of Natural Resources, the Tribal Police and the State of Michigan to offer a Traditional Travel down an eight-mile section of the Manistee River.

This event is open to all Native youth between the ages of 12—24.

We will honor the water, learn the importance and significance of water travel, feast mother earth for the things she provides, camp overnight in a rustic area, and fish in a traditional way.

 $The \ participants \ will \ learn \ survival \ skills \ and \ traditional \ teachings.$ 

Participants will be required to follow all safety guidelines, rules, and regulations.

RSVP by contacting Dean.Orvis@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or by calling the department of language and culture at (269) 462-4325

This event will be limited to the first 15 participants.



### Even 7 to 10 Percent Weight Loss Can Prevent Problems Caused by Obesity

#### By Liz Leffler, community health nurse

Obesity, having excessive amounts of body fat, is not just a cosmetic concern. It puts you at risk for heart disease, diabetes, and high blood pressure. Providers will often use a formula of height and weight to give them a body mass index (BMI) scale to determine if you're obese:

BMI	Weight status
Below 18.5	Underweight
18.5 — 24.9	Normal
25.0 — 29.9	Overweight
30.0 and higher	Obese
40.0 and higher	Extreme obesity

BMI is not a measure of the percent of body fat you have. It is a general tool, and your provider will be able to tell if you are obese and at greater risk for having health problems due to your weight. The good news is that even a seven to ten percent weight loss can improve or prevent the health problems associated with obesity.

Although there are genetic and hormonal influences on body weight, obesity occurs when you take in more calories than you burn through exercise and normal daily activities. Your body stores these excess calories as fat. Obesity usually results from a combination of causes and contributing factors, including:

- **Inactivity.** If you're not very active, you don't burn as many calories. With a sedentary lifestyle, you can easily eat more calories every day than you use through exercise and normal daily activities.
- Unhealthy diet and eating habits. Having a diet that's high in calories, eating fast food, skipping breakfast, eating most of your calories at night, drinking high-calorie beverages and eating oversized portions all contribute to weight gain.
- Lack of sleep. Getting less than seven hours of sleep a night can cause changes in hormones that increase your appetite. You may also crave foods high in calories and carbohydrates, which can contribute to weight gain.
- **Certain medications.** Some medications can lead to weight gain if you don't compensate through diet or activity. These medications include

- some antidepressants, anti-seizure medications, diabetes medications, antipsychotic medications, steroids and beta blockers.
- Medical problems. Obesity can sometimes be traced to a medical cause, such as Prader-Willi syndrome, Cushing's syndrome, polycystic ovary syndrome, and other diseases and conditions. Some medical problems, such as arthritis, can lead to decreased activity, which may result in weight gain. A low metabolism is unlikely to cause obesity, as is having low thyroid function.
- **Genetics.** Your genes may affect the amount of body fat you store and where that fat is distributed. Genetics may also play a role in how efficiently your body converts food into energy and how your body burns calories during exercise. Even when someone has a genetic predisposition, environmental factors ultimately make you gain more weight.
- Family lifestyle. Obesity tends to run in families. That's not just because of genetics. Family members tend to have similar eating, lifestyle and activity habits. If one or both of your parents are obese, your risk of being obese is increased.
- Quitting smoking. Quitting smoking is often associated with weight gain. And for some, it can lead to a weight gain of as much as several pounds a week for several months, which can result in obesity. In the long run, however, quitting smoking is still a greater benefit to your health than continuing to smoke.
- Certain medications. Some medications can lead to weight gain if you don't compensate through diet or activity. These medications include some antidepressants, anti-seizure medications, diabetes medications, antipsychotic medications, steroids and beta blockers.
- Age. Obesity can occur at any age, even in young children. But as you age, hormonal changes and a less active lifestyle increase your risk of obesity. In addition, the amount of muscle in your body tends to decrease with age. This lower muscle mass leads to a decrease in metabolism. These changes also reduce calorie needs and can make it harder to keep off excess weight. If you don't control what you eat as you age, you'll likely gain weight.



Social and economic issues. Certain social and economic issues may be linked to obesity. You may not have safe areas to exercise; you may not have been taught healthy ways of cooking, and purchasing healthier foods. In addition, the people you spend time with may influence your weight — you're more likely to become obese if you have obese friends or relatives.

Being obese increases your chances of developing certain complications, such as high cholesterol and triglycerides, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease or stroke. But even if you have one or more of these risk factors, it doesn't mean that you're destined to become obese. You can counteract most risk factors through diet, physical activity and exercise, and behavior changes:

- Start making healthy changes in your diet, such as eating more fruits, vegetables and whole grains and reducing portion sizes. Eat a healthy, nutritious breakfast daily.
- Track how much you're eating or drinking each day so that you get a sense of how many calories you're taking in. It's easy to underestimate how many calories you actually take in every day.
- Begin increasing your activity level. Try to get up and move around your home more frequently. Start gradually if you aren't in good shape or aren't used to exercising. Even a ten minute daily walk can help. If you have any health conditions, or if you're over 40, talk to your doctor before you start a new exercise program.

### Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Pokégnek Yajdanawa is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in Pokegnek Yajdanawa. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the fourteenth of each month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa
Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047
Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

### **Project LAUNCH Offers Parenting Tips**

### By JT Laraway, Young Child Wellness Coordinator



The Positive Parenting Program, or Triple P, is one of the most effective evidence-based parenting programs, backed up by more than thirty years of ongoing research. Triple P gives parents simple and practical strategies to help them confidently manage their children's behavior, prevent problems developing and build strong, healthy relationships. Triple P is currently used in 25 countries and has been shown to work across cultures, socioeconomic groups and in all kinds of family structures.

Triple P is distinctive in that it is not a one-size-fits-all course. Rather, it is a system that offers increasing levels of

support to meet parents' different needs. Parents can choose anything from one-off public seminars or self-help books and DVDs to more intensive group courses or individual counselling sessions.

Triple P has also been designed as a population-based health approach to parenting typically implemented by government bodies or NGOs (nongovernment organizations) across regions or countries with the aim of reaching as many people as possible. It is often delivered through health, families or education departments. Practitioners come from a range of professions and include doctors, nurses, psychologists, counsellors, teacher's aides, police officers, clergy, social workers and health support workers. The concept, once again, is to provide easy access, support and choice for parents. Here are some parenting tips from Triple P:

- When your child wants to show you something, stop what you are doing and pay attention to your child. It is important to spend frequent, small amounts of time with your child doing things that you both enjoy.
- Give your child lots of physical affection children often like hugs, cuddles, and holding hands.

- Talk to your child about things s/he is interested in and share aspects of your day with your child.
- Give your child lots of descriptive praise when s/he does something that you would like to see more of: "Thank you for doing what I asked right away."
- Children are more likely to misbehave when they are bored, so provide lots of engaging indoor and outdoor activities for your child: playdough, coloring, cardboard boxes, dress up, cubby houses, etc.
- Teach your child new skills by first showing the skill yourself, then giving your child opportunities to learn the new skill. For example, speak politely to each other in the home. Then, prompt your child to speak politely (say "please" or 'thank you"), and praise your child for his/her efforts.
- Set clear limits on your child's behaviour. Sit down and have a family discussion on the rules in the home. Let your child know what the consequences will be if s/he breaks the rules.
- If your child misbehaves, stay calm and give him/her a clear instruction to stop misbehaving and tell what you would like done instead ("Stop fighting; play nicely with each other." Praise your child if s/he stops. If s/he does not stop, follow through with an appropriate consequence.
- Have realistic expectations. All children misbehave at times and it is inevitable that you will have some discipline hassles. Trying to be the perfect parent can set you up for frustration and disappointment.
- Look after yourself. It is difficult to be a calm, relaxed parent if you are stressed, anxious, or depressed. Try to find time every week to let yourself unwind or do something that you enjoy.

For more information on Triple P, Positive Parenting Program, please call: JT Laraway, Young Child Wellness Coordinator, (269) 462-4450.



### **Experience Drummond Island this Summer** July 9 - 13, 2014

#### **Great Lakes Traditional Arts Gathering**

Immerse yourself in the rich diversity of traditional arts, crafts, and natural wonders of the Great Lakes

Spend four days working directly with the region's most noted traditional artists, craftspeople, historians and naturalists in small group settings—with dozens of workshops for both adults and children. Forge your own bark awl, help build a fully functional spruce bark canoe, etch a birch bark basket with an Odawa artist, work with a master falconer, explore the waters around Drummond island in a replica 1870s wooden ship, and take home an assortment of beautiful and functional traditional crafts and new skills. Evenings feature acoustic music, stargazing and traditional storytelling by campfire.

Eligibility for travel, which includes, transportation lodging, meals, registration fee, and cost covered for up Eligiblity includes attending 10 language classes between April 2014 and June 2014, if you live in the service area. Classes are held in Dowagiac, South Bend, Hartford, and Hopkins

Youth must attend Youth Council meetings in person or through Skype through June and receive their community service hours set by the youth cultural

sponsored by the Department of Language and Culture before the end of June 2014.

Events must be documented, endorsed, and verified by the department staff to be eligible

Questions? Please contact the Department of Language and Culture (269) 462-4325.

Eligible Language & Culture events: 14 weeks of language (held in Hopkins, Dowagiac, Hartford & South Bend), 14 weeks of drum class (held in Dowagiac, Hartford, and coming to Hopkins), 3 Youth Council meetings, April 12 (1–4pm) Easter Party at Hartford High School, April 12 (4pm) 3-on-3 Basketball tournament at Hartford High School, April 28 (5pm) Pow Wow Club at Community Center, May 8 (5:30–7:30pm) Olympic Tra at Community Center, May 10 (9:30 am –?) Fishing Tournament at Cage Street, May 26 (8 am) Veterans Parade in downtown Dowagiac by Hardi May 31 (10 am) Lacrosse Tournament at Rogers lake, June 1 Mini Olympics time & location TBA, June 17–20 Culture Camp (2nd grade–5th), Jun Culture Camp (6th grade –12th)



### Celebrate Earth Day

Saturday, April 26 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

agon Band Administration Building 58620 Sink Road

### Recycle your old electronics.

Join the Pokagon Band to promote environmental responsibility and properly dispose of all unwanted computer-related equipment and electronics.

Hamburgers, hotdogs and cold drinks will be served.

#### Items NOT Accepted

For more information, please contact the Information Technology Dept at (269) 462-4269.

### 2014 Young Native Writers Essay Contest Underway

The contest is designed to encourage young Native American writers to explore their heritage. It is open to Native American high school students from all native communities.

For 2014, students are being asked to write about one or more of the cultural images, symbols or art forms that have been historically developed by their community (American Indian, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian) to communicate a particular message or value or serve a specific purpose. Essays are to be 1,200 words or less and should cover the following:

- Describe the image(s), symbol(s) or art forms selected;
- Explain how it was originally developed or used by the community;
- Reflect on the student's own experience about it, including thoughts and feelings; and
- Suggest why or how it is still relevant today.

This contest is co-sponsored by the Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation, the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). Contest winners will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for a week of activities. The essay submission deadline is April 22.

Those students who are interested in participating can visit the Holland & Knight Young Native Writers Essay Contest website, www.nativewriters.hklaw. com, for official contest rules and to view past winning essays. All essays must be submitted electronically by the entry deadline, April 22, 2014, through the contest website. Up to five contest winners will be announced in mid-May.

During the week of July 20, 2014, the contest winners will receive an allexpenses-paid "Scholar Week" trip to Washington, D.C. The group's activities will include an honor ceremony at NMAI; a tour of the NMAI Cultural Resources Center where tribal objects can be viewed and studied; educational symposia for students and their teachers; and a tour of the U.S. Capitol. Winners will also receive a \$2,500 scholarship to be paid to the college or university of their choice.

The contest debuted in 2006 in Red Lake, Minnesota, in response to the March 2005 shooting by a Red Lake High School student of five fellow students, a teacher, a security guard, members of his family and then himself. Holland & Knight's Charitable Foundation developed this contest with the hope that the Red Lake community would find healing by promoting its rich culture and traditions. In the following years, the program has evolved to serve all Native American communities.



Saturday, April 26 10:00 a.m-12:00 noon Hartford High School cafeteria 121 School Street Hartford, MI 49057

Interested in living in a tribal village in Hartford, Michigan? The Housing Department is looking for your ideas about future tribal developments there. Add your thoughts to the discussion about what type of Pokagon community in Hartford you and your family would like to see.

Lunch will be served.

While you are attending, don't forget to sign up for a chance to win\* an iPad or a gift card to the Four Winds Casino.

\*Must be 18 years or older and present to win





### **Language and Culture Sponsorships Offered**

The Department of Language and Culture believes in the importance of allowing Pokagon citizens the opportunity to experience Native American celebrations across the country while also representing the beautiful culture of the Pokagon Potawatomi. L&C is delighted to offer sponsorships for tribal citizens to attend pow wows, demonstrations, and other cultural events. To apply for a sponsorship, please visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/language-and-culture or call the office at (269) 462-4325 for applications.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/language-and-culture

### "Healing the Scars" Mt. Pleasant Boarding School Trip Planned



The Veterans and Youth Councils will be participating in the annual boarding school remembrance ceremony in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

This ceremony honors those who were victims of the boarding school and remembers the many children who died while attending the school.

The "Honoring, Healing & Remembering" ceremony happens the same day every year to commemorate the last operational day of the boarding school: June 6, 1934. If you would like to partake in this healing ceremony please contact one of our veterans or the department of language and culture at: (269) 462-4325



## Are you looking for a way to help others?

Auxiliary Tutors Wanted for the PreK–12 Program

The Pokagon Band Department of Education is looking for qualified tutors to work with Pokagon students (pre-kindergarten - 12th Grade) both in and out of the ten-county service area.

Qualified candidates will have a current teaching certificate or a Bachelor's degree with an academic area of focus. Tutors are hired as private contractors. A completed background investigation through the Department of Human Resources is required.

If you or someone you know may be interested in tutoring, applications are available on the web at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Please contact the Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 or by email at Kristie.Bussler@Pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Pokagon Band tribal preference hiring policy applies.

### **Parade Participants Wanted**

If you can sing, dance, drum, rattle, or wave we would like to invite you to participate in one or both of these amazing opportunities.

During the month of May, the Pokagon Band has been invited to partake in two of the areas premier parades:

#### Blossomtime Parade May 3

The Blossomtime Parade is the oldest and largest multi-community parade in Michigan and travels from Saint Joseph to Benton Harbor on May 3.

#### Honoring our Veterans Parade May 26

The city of Dowagiac 'Honoring our Veterans' Parade begins on the main street of Dowagiac and ends with a special ceremony at the Riverside Cemetery on May 26.

### Language and Culture Seeking Adults to Share Skills with Youth

Do you have skills and energy to share with Pokagon youth? The Department of Language and Culture is compiling a pool of background-screened adults who could be on call to volunteer with our youth programming. If you hunt, fish, garden or gather; if you can teach art, drumming or another cultural talent; if you can coach lacrosse, basketball, or baseball, our kids and our tribe needs you. Some opportunities will be paid, others are volunteer. Contact the Language & Culture department (269) 462-4325 for more information.

### 2014 North American Indigenous Games



The 2014 North American Indigenous Games is July 20–27 in Regina, Saskatchewan. Native athletes ages 13–19 can compete in 15 different sports. If you'd like more info, visit www.regina2014naig.com or contact Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator at (269) 462–4290.



www.regina2014naig.com



Youth Council is sponsoring a gardening initiative. They will be helping ten Elders who would like to grow a garden but need a hand tilling the land and planting the seeds. Youth will also help keep it weeded

of someone who might be, please fill out the form below and send it by April 26 to Dean Orvis, 58620 Edwards St., Dowagiac, MI 49047. Or you can e-mail it to Dean.Orvis@pokagonband-nsn. gov. Questions? Please call (269) 462-4325.

If you are 55 or older and are interested, or know

For those that live in urban areas, or do not have tillable property, we will help you start a bucket garden for your porch.

Name:				
Address:				
City:	State:	_ Zip: _		
Phone:				
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Would you like a Bucket Garden or do you have property th	at can be tilled?_			

### **Workshops Give Citizens Financial Wellness Understanding**

Chi Ishobak understands the traditional Pokagon values of proper planning and resource management. We also understand the emotion felt when facing financial adversity. In order to be in control of our personal finances, we need to learn to properly plan and allocate those finances so that we don't waste our most precious resource, our income. Identifying our financial behaviors is a critical step in this process. Chi Ishobak is committed to providing information, resources, and the necessary support to Pokagon citizens to help break the cycle of financial adversity. This includes cultural relevance, savings, cash flow planning, debt management, the value of credit, and the emotional side of money.

Chi Ishobak's next Financial Wellness Workshop will be held at the Community Center in Dowagiac on April 5 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. There is no registration fee, but advance registration is required for planning. Lunch will be provided for all attendees.

If you are unable to attend, Chi Ishobak will conduct additional workshops at regular dates and times throughout the season. Chi Ishobak also provides individual financial coaching for tribal citizens that might not be able to make scheduled workshops or do not feel comfortable in the workshop environment.

To register for the April 5 workshop or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chi Ishobak at your convenience.

Chi Ishobak, Inc. 415 E. Prairie Ronde St. Dowagiac, MI 49047 (269) 783-4157 sean.winters@chiishobak.org www.chiishobak.org



### FINANCIAL WELLNESS WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 5, 2014 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**The Community Center** 27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Chi Ishobak and the Pokagon Band Department of Housing have collaborated to introduce a new financial education program for Pokagon Band citizens. More than just information, this program is designed to identify financial behaviors and the cultural relevance associated with them. This workshop will cover five key areas that address the basic aspects of personal financial management and provide participants with the tools and processes to take control of their financial health. These areas include: savings, communication, budgeting, debt, and purchase behaviors.

- · Lunch will be provided
- There is no registration fee
- Please call to confirm attendance

For more information, please contact Chi Ishobak, Sean Winters at (269) 783-4157 or at sean.winters@chiishobak.org

### **Pokagon Business Owner Information Needed for Citizen Business Directory**

Chi Ishobak is still working to update the 2012 Citizen Business Directory. Please contact Chi Ishobak if you:

- 1. Would like to update our business information.
- 2. Would like to list your business if not currently listed.
- 3. Know of a tribal business that may be interested in being listed.

Regardless of industry or market, if you would like your Pokagon owned business to be listed in the Citizen Business Directory, please submit the following information:

- Business name
- Pokagon owner's name
- Business address
- Business phone number
- Business email
- **Business Website**
- Business description

Please send all information to:

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# Train Together for the

What: Michigan Indian Family Olympics, something for all ages.

All Michigan Tribes participate When: leading up to Summer 2014



Participate in three of the training events offered and receive a gift incentive. Involvement in one school sport can substitute for one of the three trainings.

These events are open to Native Americans and their families, and Pokagon Band staff and their families.

### Training Schedule:

### January 2014

🙀 January 4 | Community Center | 3:00p.m.–5:00p.m.

January 25 | Hartford High School | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

January 26 | Camp Beech Point 3212 125th Ave Allegan MI | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

March 2014

March 7 | Community Center | 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m.

March 26 | Hopkins High School | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m. March 29 | Hartford High School | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

April 2014

April 12 | Hartford High School | 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

May 2014





### Dreamcatchers, a Native Youth Summer Enrichment Program, Starts July 7

The Dreamcatchers Program is a unique opportunity for students to enhance their educational experience through our own tribal history. Focusing on culture will enrich tribal identity and promote awareness to others in the surrounding community. This opportunity is open to any Pokagon Band student registered in K–12th grades, as well as children of Pokagon Band employees who would like to learn more about the history of the Three Fires.

The course is based on Tribal Sovereignty curriculum being developed by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. Supplemental curriculum created by Chi Ishobak, the Four Winds Casino Resort, and local higher education organizations that involve principles of experiential learning which allow students to explore career fields in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The foundation of the curriculum includes four main topics, which are Reclaiming Our Identity, Rethinking History, Self-Determination, and Moving Forward.

Details of the program:

Mondays-Thursdays, July 7-August 1

At the Pokagon Band Head Start Building, Rodgers Lake Property, Dowagiac 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dreamcatchers I: K-1st Grade Tuesday & Thursday

Dreamcatchers II: 2nd–4th Grade Tuesday & Thursday

Dreamcatchers III: 5th-7th Grade Tuesday & Thursday

Dreamcatchers IV: 8th-12th Grade Monday, Wednesday, Friday

The Dreamcatchers application packet and a copy of the students' current shot and immunization records must be in the Department of Education Office by Monday, May 15. These forms can be returned by mail, dropped off, or faxed to (269)782-0985 at the Department of Education.

Transportation and classroom space is limited. Transportation will only be provided on Tuesday and Thursday (Dreamcatchers I–III) Students will be placed in the order that their applications are received. When spaces are full, children will be placed on a waiting list.

Applications received after May 15 will only be considered if class space is available and transportation may or may not be available. If you do not hear from the Department of Education by May 15 that we have received your application, please contact us.

The Department of Education looks forward to sharing a successful summer enrichment program with your family.

### **Head Start Celebrates Reading Month and Dr. Seuss**

March was reading month, so the Pokagon Head Start students focused on literacy throughout the month. On March 4 the children enjoyed green eggs and ham for their breakfast in celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday. During that day they read his stories and created some fun projects. The students will be focusing on letters of the alphabet throughout the remainder of the year.

#### Regalia Needed

The program is looking for donated regalia. If you have regalia or shawls that your child has outgrown or you do not use anymore, the Head Start children would be honored to have these items in their classrooms. If you have any items that you are willing to donate please contact Samantha Townsend at the Center or by e-mail at samatha.townsend@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Thanks to Ruth Saldivar for the donations that you have given to our school.

Happy birthdays to Mrs. Hope April 1, Colin Dayson April 5, Noah Szczechowski April 23, and Mrs. Tracy April 24.

#### Calendar of Events

March 31-April 6: Spring Break

April 7: School resumes, book order money due

April 24: Family Fun Night 6-8 p.m.

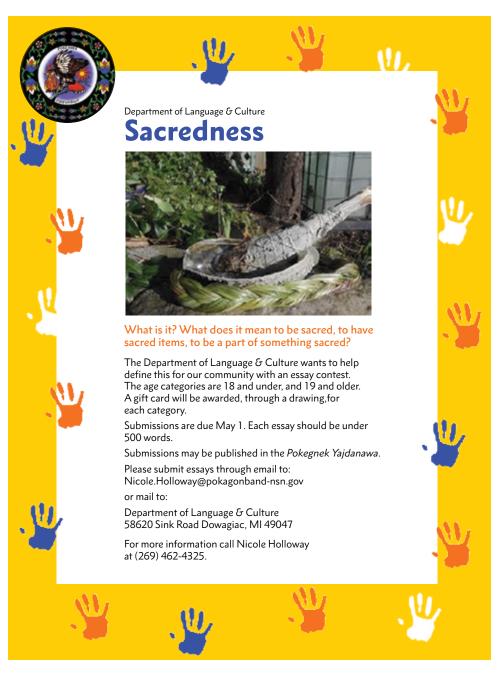
May 15: Last day of school

June 2: application deadline for school year 2014–2015



RSVP: pokagon-band-easter-party.eventbrite.com

3-on-3 basketball tournament to follow the party. For more information, email collin.church@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



### **Upcoming Department of Social Services Events**

The Department of Social Services is sponsoring several events for the community. Please see details below. Please RSVP to Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324, as spaces may be limited.

#### Daisy Chain Bracelet Workshop | April 16, |10:00 am-12:00 pm)

Linda Yazel will teach a small group to make daisy chain bracelets. This program is for women only. Space for this program is extremely limited. Please contact Casey Kasper to RSVP or for more details.

#### Love Should Not Hurt 5K/1 Mile Fun Run/Walk April 26 10:00 am | Rodgers Lake

The Department of Social Services is hosting a 5K/1 Mile Fun Run/Walk for community members. This event is open to participants of all ages and athletic abilities. Registration is available on the Pokagon Band website. Please register by April 18 in order to receive a tee shirt. If you do not register by then you are not guaranteed a shirt.

Applique Class | April 27 1:00 pm–5:00 pm | Community Center This class teaches women in the community to make traditional appliques for dance shawls and skirts. Please bring sewing supplies and a dish to pass, if you are able to do so. Contact Casey Kasper for more details.

Purple Shawl Workshop | May 18 1:00 pm-5:00 pm | Community Center The Department of Social Services is hosting one last Purple Shawl workshop before the Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow. Please bring a friend and a dish to pass. You do not need to be a domestic violence survivor to attend. Contact Casey Kasper for more details

The Band's Gage Street Property will be closed during the Family Fishing Tournament Saturday, May 10 from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.









Join Pokagon Health Services, Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Education and Language & Culture

### **Family Fishing Tournament**

Saturday, May 10, 2014 Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. at Gage St. Lake

### Fish Tales

- Registration is required. Onsite registration is available.
- You must wear a life jacket! No exceptions. Limited number of personal flotation devices available for those who can't provide their own.
- Limited number of canoes (reserve one by pre-registering).
- You may use your own boat but the gas tank must be removed. Please note, the launch is very rustic. Limit to 14–foot boats.
- Fishing poles and bait available.
- RSVP online at Family-Fishing-Tournament.eventbrite.com
- Check out the Bass Masters truck and boat

For more information, contact Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator, at Dean.Orvis@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or call Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325



Grand Prize Charter Fishing Trip for 4 on Lake Michigan





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### **Required Documentation for Contract Health Services Coverage**

Patients need to provide the following documentation to be considered for Contract Health Services:

- 1. Tribal ID or letter of enrollment
- 2. Drivers license or state ID
  - If you do not have a driver's license or state ID with your current address listed, a proof of address is required (i.e. recent utility bill with your name and address, voter registration card, etc. It cannot be tribal or personal mail.)
- 3. Current health insurance cards
  - If you are currently uninsured, you will have 30 days to apply for Medicaid. Our Medicaid application specialists can assist you.

For our Medicaid Application Specialist to assist you with your application, you will need to bring the following documentation:

- 1. Proof of identity and family relationships for all household residents (tribal ID, drivers license or state ID)
- 2. Social security card/number for everyone applying for benefits within household
- 3. Proof of income for all household residents (paycheck stubs, per capita, unemployment, social security, disability or pension award letter, selfemployment records of income.)
- Proof of resources for all household residents (checking and/or savings account statements)

Please call (800) 440-1234 with any questions.



SMC Read 100 Class Spring Semester Gail Shirey

 ${\tt SMC} \ \ \textbf{Special Topics in History Class} \ \ {\tt Native American \, History \, Spring \, Semester \, Dr. \, Jeff \, Dennis}$ 

sмс and рокадон ванд **Potawatomi Living Arts** Hosted by Southwestern Michigan College

**Dream Catchers Craft Class** 

January 29 | 1:00-2:00 pm | SMC Student Activity Center with Jefferson Ballew loin a Pokagon Band artist in making a dream catch

Cultural Awareness: Pow Wow History and Etiquette Presentation January 29 | 2:30-3:30 pm | Dale A. Lyons Theatre SMC

efferson Ballew from Pokagon Band will explain history, significance and etiquette of pow wows and their regalia, song, dance and storytelling.

 ${\tt DOWAGIAC\ AREA\ HISTORY\ MUSEUM\ } \textbf{Potawatomi\ Cultural\ Teachings\ and\ Traditional\ Medicines}$  February 8 | 1:00 pm with\ Andy\ Jackson

DOWAGIAC AREA HISTORY MUSEUM AND DOWAGIAC DISTRICT LIBRARY Book Talk: The Round House

April 16 | 6:30–8:00 pm | Dowagiac Area History Museum

All members of our local community are invited to share their opinions and experiences of Louise Erdrich's novel The Round House. This event will feature a group discussion and light refreshments.

DOGWOOD FINE ARTS GALLERY Potawatomi Art Exhibit and Sale Open House

Thursday, April 24 | 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. | Huntington Bank Building, 207 Commercial Street, Dowagiac
Life is Art exhibit opening and artists reception, featuring the works of Potawatomi artists. Pottery, clothing, baskets and other
objects have evolved out of functional and ceremonial necessity over generations. Experience materials provided by Mother Earth interwoven with contemporary materials expressed in a uniquely native way. Exhibit continues through May 22.

POKAGON BAND Sugar Bush

Date and time to be determined by the weather

POKAGON BAND Discussion of Native Jurisdiction and Other Legal Issues

May 8 | 5:30–7:00 pm | Pokagon Band Community Center with Annette Nickel
The presentation will provide an overview of the complex topic of criminal jurisdiction within Indian country, as discussed in

SMC Library Book Talks for Spring Semester with Katharine Landstrom

POKAGON BAND Memorial Day Pow Wow Memorial Day weekend 2014

 ${\tt DOWAGIAC\ AREA\ HISTORY\ MUSEUM\ \textbf{Michigan\ State\ University\ Native\ Quilting\ TBD}}$ 

DOGWOOD FINE ARTS COMMITTEE Culinary Anthropologists from Red Mesa See dogwoodfinearts.com for details.

POKAGON BAND Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Labor Day Weekend 2014



### 3-on-3 Family **Basketball Tourney**

April 12 2014 : Hartford High School 4:00 PM tip off 115 School St. Hartford, MI

This event is open to the whole family. Pre-register for the double elimination bracket by March 15 and receive a free t-shirt. Late registration entries all play single elimination. Registration is free for Native participants. Non-native teams are welcome with a \$20 registration. Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams in each division.



Mens + Womens divisions

15 and under

16-20

21 - 3435 and over To register: pokagon-band-3-on-3.eventbrite.com Questions? Contact Dean Orvis (269) 462-4290 or email dean.orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov

..... Everyone is invited! If you are interested in learning Neshnabe life ways, then you are welcome to attend. This event is not exclusive to Pokagon citizens.



Chi Ishobak (pronounced Chee Ish-o-bock), means "Big Cabbage" and is the Pokagon Band's Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). Chi Ishobak provides Pokagon citizens with access to affordable capital for the purposes of business start-up or expansion and individual financial development through education-based lending services.

- COMMERCIAL LOANS
- CONSUMER LOANS
- INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT **ACCOUNTS**
- FINANCIAL EDUCATION

or questions and additional information regarding Chi Ishobak, please contact: Sean Winters – Executive Director (269) 783-4157

n.winters@chiishobak.org www.chiishobak.org

### Notice of Open Alternate Position | Pokagon Rights Board

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill one vacant Alternate Member position on the Pokagon Rights Board (the "Board"). The Board is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government that was created through enactment of the Pokagon Rights Board Code (the "Code"). As provided in the Code, the Board's duties include: (a) researching and investigating aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites; (b) compiling and cataloging information and documents related to aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites; and (c) making recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites. The Board is comprised of five (5) persons as follows: (a) the Director of the Band's Department of Natural Resources; and (b) four (4) Pokagon Band citizens. Additionally, the Board has two (2) Alternate Members who are also expected to attend all Board meetings and will be seated and vote in the absence of a Board Member(s). One of the two Alternate Member positions is currently vacant. The Board meets approximately once each month and at additional times as may be needed to fulfill Board duties. Alternate Members are also expected to spend several additional hours per month preparing for Board meetings or engaging in other Board activities. The Pokagon Rights Board Code is available on the Pokagon Band's website.

**COMPENSATION.** Alternate Members are compensated for service to the Board at rates established by the Tribal Council. In addition, Alternate Members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Board business in accordance with the Band's Travel Policy.

**ELIGIBILITY.** All persons who wish to serve as an Alternate Member must be a Pokagon Band Citizen who: (a) is at least twenty-five (25) years of age; and (b) possesses expertise, knowledge, skills, and professional and personal experience which will contribute to the fulfillment of the purposes and duties of the Board.

**ETHICS REQUIREMENTS.** As Public Officials, Alternate Members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by from the Band's website.

**CONFIDENTIALITY.** All Board members, including Alternate Members, are prohibited from disclosing confidential information, which will include information related to aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites.

**HOW TO APPLY.** Please submit letters of interest along with a current résumé to:

Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary P.O. Box 180 Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** The Tribal Council will appoint a person to fill the vacant Alternate Member position on the Board. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment as an Alternate Member must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the written statements of interest and résumés, provided that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Tribal Council Executive Secretary who will share the information with the Tribal Council.

**TERM.** The term of office for an Alternate Member of the Board is three (3) years; however, because this appointment is to fill a vacancy, the appointment will be for the remainder of the existing term of office, which will expire on May 21, 2015. There is no limit to the number of terms an Alternate Member may serve on the Board.

**DEADLINE.** This position shall remain open until filled by appointment by the Tribal Council.

Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Pokagon Rights Board pursuant to any previous posting announcing a vacancy on the Board, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Pokagon Rights Board, you must reapply as provided in this Notice.

**QUESTIONS.** All questions concerning the Board, the Land Use and Conservation Code, or this Notice may be directed to Steve Winchester, Council Member and Land Use Board Chairman at (269) 591-0119 or <a href="Steve:Winchester@PokagonBand-nsn.gov">Steve:Winchester@PokagonBand-nsn.gov</a>.

### Notice of Open Alternate Position | Pokagon Land Use Board

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill one (1) vacant Alternate Member position on the Pokagon Band Land Use Board ("Board"). The Board is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government that was created by the enactment of the Pokagon Band Land Use and Conservation Code ("Code"). As provided in the Code, the Board's duties include: (a) researching, preparing and making recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding the classification, reclassification, transfer and acquisition of Pokagon Band land; and (b) researching and developing a Long Term Land Acquisition and Development Plan to guide future growth and to establish goals and priorities for the use of Pokagon Band land. The Board is comprised of five (5) persons as follows: (a) the Director of the Band's Department of Natural Resources; and (b) four (4) Pokagon Band citizens. Additionally, the Board has two (2) Alternate Members who will be expected to attend all Board meetings and will be seated and vote in the absence of a Board Member(s). One of the two Alternate Member positions is vacant. The Board meets approximately once each month and at additional times as needed to fulfill Board duties. Alternate Members are also expected to spend several additional hours per month preparing for Board meetings or engaging in other Board activities. The Land Use and Conservation Code is available on the Band's website.

**COMPENSATION.** Alternate Members are compensated for service to the Board at rates established by the Tribal Council. In addition, Alternate Members are entitled to mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Board business in accordance with the Band's Travel Policy.

**ELIGIBILITY.** Any person who wishes to seek appointment to fill the vacant Alternate Member position on the Board must: (a) be a Pokagon Band Citizens; (b) be at least twenty-five (25) years of age; and (c) possess expertise, knowledge, skills, and professional and personal experience which will contribute to the fulfillment of the purposes and duties of the Board.

**ETHICS REQUIREMENTS.** As Public Officials, Alternate Members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by from the Band's website.

**HOW TO APPLY.** Please submit letters of interest along with a current résumé to: Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 180, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** The Tribal Council will appoint a person to fill the vacant Alternate Member position on the Board. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment as an Alternate Member must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the written statements of interest and résumés, provided that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Tribal Council Executive Secretary who will share the information with the Tribal Council.

**TERM.** The original term of office for an Alternate Member of the Board is three (3) years; however, because this appointment is to fill a vacancy, the appointment will be for the remainder of the existing term, which will expire on November 9, 2016. There is no limit to the number of terms an Alternate Member may serve on the Board.

**DEADLINE.** This position shall remain open until filled by appointment by the Tribal Council. Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Land Use Board pursuant to any previous posting announcing a vacancy on the Board, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Land Use Board, you must reapply as provided in this Notice. QUESTIONS. All questions concerning the Board, the Land Use and Conservation Code, or this Notice may be directed to Steve Winchester, Council Member and Land Use Board Chairman at (269) 591-0119 or <a href="mailto:Steve-Winchester@PokagonBand-nsn.gov">Steve-Winchester@PokagonBand-nsn.gov</a>.

### **Honoring Our Mothers**

The Pokagon Band Domestic Violence Team would like your help creating a video featuring Pokagon mothers and mothers of Pokagon citizens. Please submit some of your favorite pictures of your mom. We do not have any specific criteria for photo submissions and invite you to be creative. Please note that your mother does not have to be a domestic violence victim or survivor to be included; this video is intended to highlight the beauty of mothers in the Pokagon community. Written messages can be submitted, but are not guaranteed to be added to the video. If you would like to participate, please contact Katy Morseau-Rader at Katy. Morseau@ PokagonBand-nsn.gov or (269) 782-8998 for the photo release form needed to participate. The deadline for photo submission and release form is May 1.

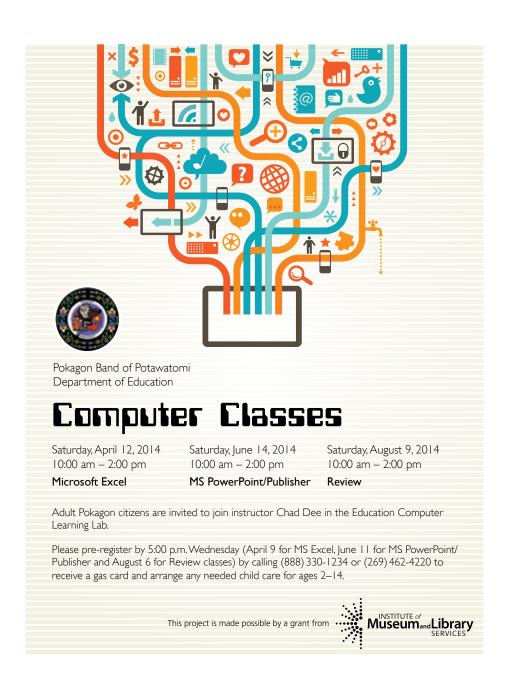
### **Cultural and Activity Presenters Wanted**

The Domestic Violence Program is looking for cultural and activity presenters to run monthly presentations. You do not have to be a domestic violence survivor to get involved, however we do ask that you focus your presentation on healthy relationships, respect, and the importance of women in the community. All presenters will be paid for up to two hours of work, in addition to mileage and supply reimbursement.

If you have any additional questions or are interested in getting involved please contact Casey Kasper, victim services manager/case worker at (269) 462-4324 or via e-mail at casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

### **Apprentice Program Contact Changed**

Carpenters apprentices and those interested in the apprenticeship program: Traci Henslee, workforce training and resource specialist, is the new contact for the apprenticeship program. You can reach her at traci.henslee@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4227.



### All Pokagon Veterans Invited

Come and join us! We have now scheduled two meetings a month: First Thursday of each month, 2:00 p.m., Community Center, Dowagiac Second Saturday of each month (after Council meetings), at 2:00 p.m., Community Center, Dowagiac

Look for updates on our Pokagon website, via e-mails or our own Facebook page: The Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans.

Hope to see you there!!

#### **Riddle**

Pronounced as one letter, And written with three. Two letters there are. And two only in me. I'm double, I'm single, I'm black, blue, and gray, I'm read from both ends, And the same either way. What am I?

Mail in your correct answer or e-mail it to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov in the Department of Education and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card. WAIT... another way to win is to mail or e-mail your own riddle and if your riddle is selected for the next newsletter, you will win a gift card.

Last month's riddle winner is Esther Parker, who answered "What's bigger than you, but doesn't weigh anything?"The answer is: your shadow.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education

### Career Workshop

Saturday, January 11 10:00 am - 2:00pm Saturday, March 8 10:00 am - 2:00pm Saturday, May 10 10:00 am - 2:00pm

Online Job Search, Resume Submittal & Using Social Networking

Dealing with Barriers to Interview Skills

Adult Pokagon citizens are invited to join instructor Lanre Ajayi in the Education Training Room. We will provide adult tribal citizens with child care, gas cards to cover transportation to and from workshop, and a \$30 gift card to the movies. Treat yourself after doing something good for your future!

As space and child care assistance is limited, please pre-register by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior (Jan 8, Mar 5 and May 7) at (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220.

This project is made possible by a grant from



### Notice of Open Position | Health Board

The Pokagon Band is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens interested in serving on the Pokagon Band Health Board. The Tribal Council will fill one seat on the Health Board that is vacant.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** As provided in Section 2 of the Health Board Ordinance, the Health Board is organized for the purpose of:

- A. Assisting the Pokagon Band Health Services Department in the preparation of a comprehensive health plan for the community. The Health Board works jointly with the Director of Health Services to assess the health needs of the Pokagon Band community and to prioritize services to assure that those needs are being met:
- B. Assisting with the development and review of fair, ethical and proper policies for the delivery of health services to eligible clients;
- C. Deciding which medical procedures will be covered by limited funding and establishing medical and dental priorities within those procedures;
- D. Implementing when necessary, a Contract Health Committee under Indian Health Services guidelines to oversee the quality and quantity of care delivered through Community Health Service funds;
- E. Serving as an appeals board for health services delivery issues in accordance with the requirements of the Health Board Ordinance; and
- F. Providing such other information or engaging in such further health services related activities as Tribal Council may direct.

### **ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH BOARD.** Each Health Board Member shall:

- A. Be responsible for being informed in Pokagon Band Health Services and Indian Health Services policies and procedures as they relate to duties called for under this Ordinance;
- B. Make a good-faith effort to attend all Health Board meetings; and
- C. Maintain the strictest of confidentiality standards in carrying out the duties established by this Ordinance. Each Board Member must sign and abide by a statement acknowledging the standards of confidentiality required for serving as a Board Member, as outlined in Section 4 of the Health Board Ordinance. Board Members shall sign such a statement upon appointment and renew such statement whenever reappointed.
- 5. Not have been convicted within the last ten (10) years of a crime subject to imprisonment for a term of one (1) year or longer, excepting those crimes determined by the Election Board to relate to the furtherance of the Band's tribal sovereignty rights.

**TIME COMMITMENT**. The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Board meetings and perform the business of the Health Board will vary. The dates and times of Health Board meetings vary, but they typically occur every second and fourth Monday of each month, at 5:00 p.m., at the Band's Administration Building. On average, a Board member can anticipate a time commitment of approximately four – six hours per month.

#### **Pokagon Health Services Announces Extended Hours**

The Pokagon Health Clinic will offer extended hours once a week each Thursday evening starting January 9, 2014. Should extended hours become a big hit, staff will look at adding extended hours on more days of the week.

Thursday night extended hours will go until 7:00 p.m., but transportation won't be offered. Please call (269) 782-4141 for appointments during extended hours, or if you have any questions.

**COMPENSATION.** Members of the Health Board are compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$150 per meeting (the Health Board member may receive additional compensation if he or she is the Chairperson or an Officer of the Health Board). In addition, Health Board members shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties in accordance with Section 17 of the Health Board Ordinance.

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS AND TERM LENGTH.** Appointments to the Health Board are made by the Tribal Council. While Heath Board members serve a two-year term of office; this appointment is to fill a vacancy for the remaining term of office that concludes February 2016.

ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE ON THE HEALTH BOARD. In order to be eligible for appointment to the Health Board, one must:

- A. Be a Pokagon Band Citizen;
- B. Not have an immediate family member currently serving on the Health Board; and
- C. Not be an employee of the Band's Department of Health Services.

**HOW TO APPLY AND DEADLINE.** If you are interested in being considered for appointment to the Health Board, you must provide a written statement of interest along with a current resume with your name, address, and telephone number to:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Attn: Kelly Curran P.O. Box 180 Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Questions concerning the Health Board may be directed to Matt Clay, Chairman of the Health Board, at (269) 462-4250, or matt.clay@pokagonband-nsn.gov. The Health Board Ordinance is available at the following internet address: www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Health Board pursuant to any previous posting announcing a vacancy, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Health Board, you must reapply as provided in this notice.

**ETHICS REQUIREMENTS.** As Public Officials, Members of the Health Board are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained from the Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

The posting shall be open until April 30, 2014.

#### **Tribal Court Notice**

Mail sent to the Respondent by ordinary first-class mail on February 28, 2014 was returned by the U.S. Postal Service on March 10, 2014 with a Return to Sender label that stated "moved, left no address" and "unable to forward." The Court has approved the publication of this Notice because there is no valid address for the Respondent. Two cases have been filed in the Tribal Court against the Respondent.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS

TRIBAL COURT

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION CASE NO. 14-2625-PCDCS and 14-2626-PCDCS

58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047 Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

#### NOTICE OF

### (1) ORDERS TO STAY DISTRIBUTIONS OF PER CAPITA PAYMENTS; AND

### (2) TWO (2) PETITIONS/AFFIDAVITS TO WITHHOLD PER CAPITA PAYMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT

To: Charles Brian Gillan II Respondent's Name

- 1. Notice is hereby given that two (2) Petitions/Affidavits to Withhold Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support were filed with the Tribal Court on March 7, 2014.
- Tribal law mandates that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments
  due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per
  capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy delinquent court-ordered
  child support. See Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians Gaming Revenue
  Allocation Plan.
- 3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. See 28 USC § 1738B, Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act.
- 4. Orders to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments have been entered by the Court against your payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The Orders to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments have been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for

distributions of per capita payments.

- 5. You now have two (2) open cases filed in this Court regarding the withholding and redirection of per capita payments to satisfy delinquent child support. These cases are Case Nos. 14 2625 PCDCS and 14 2626 PCDCS.
- 5. An Order to Withhold, Redirect and Apportion Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support shall be entered in both Case No. 14-2625 and 14-2626-PCDCS by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the:
  - a. RECOGNITION of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6; or
  - b. ENFORCEMENT of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 7.
- 6. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the recognition of the foreign court orders with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that the:
  - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
  - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
- 7. Unless you file an objection to the enforcement of the foreign court orders, the Order to Withhold, Redirect and Apportion Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support in either case will apply ALL of your per capita payments to satisfy the delinquent court-ordered child support until such time as the delinquent child support obligations are satisfied, or until further order of this Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that:
  - a. you do not owe a DELINQUENT child support obligation; or
  - b. redirection of all of your per capita payments would create an EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP to your health or general welfare.
- 8. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the Orders to Withhold, Redirect and Apportion Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support should not be granted in either case by this Court.



### **Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications**

To maintain effective communications, it is critical that citizens keep their addresses—and those of their children—updated. Many addresses currently in our system are out of date or undeliverable. If you move, please let the enrollment office know as soon as possible, and have your and your dependent's address updated. If your bank account is closed, we mail a live check to you in the next Per Capita check run. If your address is undeliverable, you will not receive this check until you have updated your address.

Contact enrollment coordinator Beth Edelberg at (888)782-1001 to change your address.

### **Per Capita News**

The Enrollment Office needs the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment Office at (269) 782–1763 or Barb Vincent in the Finance Department at (269) 462–4209.

			Christmas				
Enrollment #	Name	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	Х	х	х	Х	х	
202	Jeffrey Morseau					х	Х
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	х	х	х	х	х	Х
857	Peter John Ramirez	х	х	х	х	х	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	х	х	х	х	х	
1598	Siloman Askin Temple					х	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			х	х	х	Х
2429	Larry Pierce Jr.					х	
2595	James Hamstra				х	х	
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		Х	х	х	х	Х
4442	Mason Tyler Currey					х	

Please note - you must have a deliverable address on file.

### Attention 18- to 20-Year-Olds | Per Capita Information

Attention all high school seniors who are graduating from high school or individuals who may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Attn: Enrollment Office P O Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047 OR fax to: (269) 782-1964

The document must be received by May 15 in order to make it on the June 2014 check run. Anything received after May 15 will be processed on the check run for August. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

### Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, December 6, 2013	Thursday, December 19, 2013	Friday, December 20, 2013
Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Thursday, January 30, 2014	Friday, January 31, 2014
Friday, February 14, 2014	Thursday, February 27, 2014	Friday, February 28, 2014
Friday, March 14, 2014	Thursday, March 27 2014	Friday, March 28, 2014
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Tuesday, April 29, 2014	Wednesday, April 30, 2014
Thursday, May 15, 2014	Thursday, May 29, 2014	Friday, May 30, 2014
Friday, June 13, 2014	Thursday, June 26, 2014	Friday, June 27, 2014
Tuesday, July 15, 2014	Wednesday, July 30, 2014	Thursday, July 31, 2014
Friday, August 15, 2014	Thursday, August 28, 2014	Friday, August 29, 2014
Monday, September 15, 2014	Monday, September 29, 2014	Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Wednesday, October 15, 2014	Thursday, October 30, 2014	Friday, October 31, 2014
Monday, November 3, 2014*	Tuesday, November 25, 2014	Wed, November 26, 2014

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that in December the deadline to receive changes is December 6 and November the deadline to receive changes is November 3, this is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

### Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

For those tribal citizens receiving per capita checks in the mail and who do not have direct deposit, enclosed with your check you will find a direct deposit and a tax withholding form. These will be included with your check every month until we achieve 100% direct deposits.

The tribe is currently having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe is offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. We are making efforts to give everyone a chance to set up a bank account of your choice and on your own.

As always, the tax withholding form is not mandatory although highly suggested as per capita payments are subject to federal and state taxes. The tribe only withholds federal taxes with a completed form, state taxes are the responsibility of the citizen

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. Both of the above stated forms are available online at www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as I receive it by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as I do not receive any errors from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

#### Tribal Council **April** Calendar of Events

- I Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 7 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 8 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 15 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 21 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 22 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 28 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 29 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

To hear what is being served for the elders lunches in April, please call (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 noon.

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- 5 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 6 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 13 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 17 Quarterly Legislative Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 19 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 20 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 26 Closed in observance of Memorial Day
- 27 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

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### ATTENTION: Pokagon Band College Bound Students and K-I2 Students.

The Michigan Indian Elders Association are once again offering two award programs this year.

**For the K–12 student:** The Incentive Program is for the K–12 students who achieve perfect attendance for a marking period and to recognize students who achieve all As for a marking period. Students will be awarded for each qualified entry up to the minimum available funds in the program.

The deadline for the K-12 incentive program is April 1, 2014.

For the college bound student: Winners are selected by a panel of judges. You have the chance to receive a \$500 to 1,000.00 scholarship. Students must complete the application form, available at the Pokagon Band Education office, and submit it with required documentation.

The deadline for application of this program is June 20, 2014.

Applications for both programs are available at MichiganIndianElders.org.

### **Blood Pressure**

Native American adults are **1.3** times more likely to have high blood pressure.

**120 / 80** normal blood pressure is at or below

Native American adults are almost **2x** more likely to die from diabetes-related complications.

100 mg/dL

**Blood Sugar** 



### **Cholesterol Levels**

total cholesterol level 200 mg/dL

40 mg/dL

LDL (BAD! CHOLESTEROL)
130 mg/dL

Traditionally, Native Americans were very active.

**Body Mass Index (BMI)** 

underweight < 18.5 normal weight 18.5–24.9 overweight 25–29.9 obese 30 or greater



AMERICAN ADULTS
ARE OBESE.





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### Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted

Both Senior and Junior Youth Councils are open to any Pokagon youngster. Anyone can join, and eventually run for the executive board. Besides the age divisions, there are differences between the two groups. The Junior Youth Council provides a voice for native youth between the ages of 12 and 18. The Council promotes the development of future tribal leaders through educational attainment and Potawatomi language, culture, pride, and identity. The Junior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for native youth to interact for fun and friendship.

The Senior Youth Council provides a voice for Pokagon citizens between the ages of 18 and 24. The Senior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for Pokagon young adults to interact for fun and friendship. The Council mobilizes members toward positive goals, promotes the development of future tribal leaders and educates native youth about tribal government.

### Zisbakdoké Gises April Citizen Announcements



Recently Western Michigan University commemorated the service, commitment, and legacy of **Paul Source**, a Pokagon, a three-year letter-winning wide receiver on the WMU Broncos football team in the 1980s, and the first FBI agent in Michigan

history to die in the line of duty. The University dedicated a plaque in Paul's honor, presenting one to his family during the presentation, and another that will be permanently placed in the W Club Room on campus.

At Benton Harbor High School, Paul earned All-State accolades and followed that up as an All-Mid American Conference wide receiver. Paul became an officer with the Uniformed Division of the U.S. Secret Service, and protected President George H.W. Bush. Paul earned six outstanding performance awards during his FBI years and was a 19-year veteran of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In March of 2009, Paul died while serving in the Violent Crimes Division of the Detroit Police Department. As a Bronco, husband, father, and agent, Paul exemplified the FBI motto of Fidelity – Bravery – Integrity.

Happy 10th birthday April 18 **Justin Davidsons**. Hope you have a great day! Love, Mom, Dad and Owen

Congratulations **Adrianna** and **Brianna Morseau-Mares**, both 6th grade students at Hartford school who made on the honor roll for the second semester. Keep up the good work!

Love, your Tia Georgiana



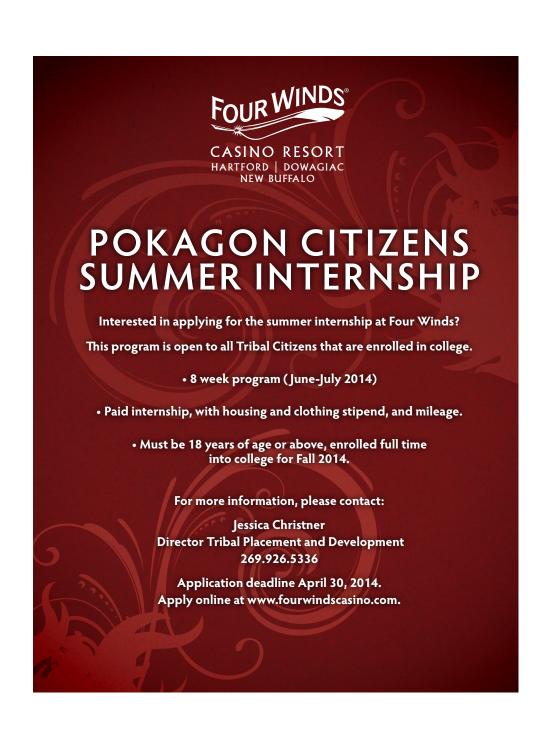
You are invited to celebrate the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education

### High School Graduates Class of 2014

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> 5:00 p.m. Refreshments 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Hosted by Department of Education Kindly R.S.V.P. to Connie Baber (269) 782-0887 or connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov





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# Studying to Teach

Kyle Malott and Carla Collins ventured to Wisconsin a little more than a year ago. Their mission was to learn as much Potawatomi as they could, then return to the Pokagon Band to teach it to others.

They have been learning the language from the final few native Potawatomi speakers, soaking up as many words as possible while the speakers are still able to teach them.

Most of those words are verbs because Potawatomi is made up of 80 percent verbs, compared to English which is almost 80 percent nouns.

This and the difference in how Potawatomi is written have proven difficult factors in learning the language, but this doesn't slow Malott, pictured at right, down. His reason for knowing the language started two generations ago.

"In my direct lineage, my grandfather was the last one to speak [Potawatomi], so I wanted to carry that on and then teach it to the next generation," Malott said.

Malott and Collins, shown above with her two children, who accompanied her to Wisconsin, are already preparing to come back and teach Potawatomi to other tribal citizens. In fact, creating these teaching tools is part of their daily schedules.

"We have up to 20 hours with the speakers each week, and the other hours are [spent] creating materials, typing it up, studying," Malott said.





Malott and Collins are committed to another year of studying, but their return date is dependent upon their teachers.

"I feel like things happen the way they're supposed to happen," Malott said. "I just go with the flow pretty much, and what happens is what's supposed to happen."

For those awaiting their return, anticipating learning Potawatomi at a deeper level, Malott has but one piece of advice:

"Just keep studying."

# Tribal Community Enjoys Easter Dinner and a Visit from the Easter Bunny

#### By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

About 300 Pokagons attended the Easter party at Hartford High School on Saturday, April 12, enjoying dinner, activities, and a chance to meet the Easter Bunny.

"We served an Easter meal with included ham, potatoes, veggies and more," said Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator. "A special treat was sugar bush cake with sugar bush icing which came right from the community." Tribal citizens had gone to the sugar bush at Rogers Lake to harvest and boil down the sugar.

Everyone who attended the event received an Easter basket filled with candy and a chocolate bunny. The children were delighted to have the opportunity to meet and take pictures with the Easter Bunny.

No Easter party would be complete without an egg hunt. Fortunately, the weather cooperated, and the egg hunt was

held outside. "We had six different age categories, and every person found at least two eggs," said Orvis. "Each egg had a raffle ticket inside of it, and we raffled off some great prizes." Raffle prizes included bikes, Kindle Fires, lacrosse sticks and much more

"The Easter dinner is one of many community events we hold throughout the year, and we would love to have more Pokagons join us in the future," said Orvis.

The next community event is a family fishing tournament on May 10. The event will be held at Gage Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The grand prize for the tournament is a charter fishing trip for four on Lake Michigan. If you would like additional information about the tournament or other upcoming events, please contact Dean Orvis in the Department of Language and Culture at (269) 462-4290 or e-mail dean.orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

# Pokagon Youth and Elders Connect During Weekend Getaway

#### By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

During the first weekend of April, a group of 68 Pokagon youth and elders set out to attend the University of Michigan Pow Wow and a Detroit Tigers baseball game. The weekend was filled with culture, baseball, and opportunities for the youth to learn wisdom from their elders.

While on the bus to the pow wow, the Junior Youth Council led team building exercises. "One of the goals of these events is to enhance communication between youth and the elders," explained Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator. "After the pow wow, we had a team building specialist lead a session for our group, and everyone was very interactive. The elders were open to sharing their wisdom with the younger tribal members."

"Watching the Grand Entry at the Pow Wow is always an impressive sight," said Orvis. "The Pokagons were well represented at the event, and the group enjoyed interacting members of other Michigan tribes."

The group spent the night in Ann Arbor before heading to Comerica Park for the baseball game the following morning. "Before leaving for the game, we ate breakfast at the hotel," said Orvis. "It was wonderful to see how respectful the youth were to the elders. They sought out opportunities to refill drinks and get food from the buffet for them, and they also carried their luggage to and from their rooms."

During the afternoon, the group enjoyed an intense game between the Detroit Tigers and the Baltimore Orioles. "At least 20 people commented that the only thing that would have improved the weekend would have been a win for the Tigers," said Orvis. "Despite the loss, everyone had a great time."

Donald Summers, an elder in the tribe, had positive things to say about the weekend. "The experience inspired me; the Pokagon Band youth displayed so much enthusiasm and the utmost respect to the elders, and to everyone," said Summers. "How lucky today's youth are, and the Pokagon Band is lucky in return to be able to provide such a wonderful experience to both the elders and youth of the Pokagon Band."

"The weekend provided the community spirit that is needed in all societies in order to foster strong and committed members of those respective societies," said Summers. "My deepest thanks go out to everyone that made this event most pleasurable."

The many events that Department of Language and Culture holds throughout the year are designed to bridge the gap between generations and to build relationships between tribal citizens of all ages. Those who attended this event got first hand experience in just how valuable those relationships can be.



# WANT TO FIND OUT IF YOU COULD MAKE IT THROUGH ONE DAY OF TRADITIONAL TRAVELING?

DISCOVER THE ANSWER MAY 17-18, 2014

The Pokagon Band Department of Language and Culture youth programs is partnering with our Department of Natural Resources, the Tribal Police and the State of Michigan to offer a Traditional Travel down an eight-mile section of the Manistee River.

This event is open to all Native youth between the ages of 12—24.

We will honor the water, learn the importance and significance of water travel, feast mother earth for the things she provides, camp overnight in a rustic area, and fish in a traditional way.

The participants will learn survival skills and traditional teachings.

Participants will be required to follow all safety guidelines, rules, and regulations.

RSVP by contacting Dean.Orvis@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or by calling the department of language and culture at (269) 462-4325

This event will be limited to the first 15 participants.



3rd annual

# A Healthy Step with Education

Saturday, June 21, 2014 | 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Community Center









he Health Services and Education departments invite you to the third annual **A Healthy Step with Education**. Anyone involved in those departments and all Pokagons and their families are welcome! The day will be filled with educational activities, health screenings, and more:

- PreK-12 program registration (requires a parent or guardian's signature)
- Vision and hearing screenings
- LEGO table
- Drumming
- Smoke house with area fire departments
- Ambulance
- Free haircuts
- Face painting
- Cultural craft
- Book Giveaway
- Bounce House
- Free massages
- Cultural teachings
- Lunch
- Prizes
- And much more

Please come and join in the fun. Questions? Contact Liz Leffler at (269) 462-4406 or Susan Doyle at (269) 782-0887.

> Pokégnek Bodéwadmik Pokagon band of potawatomi



Children must be accompanied by an adult.

# Four Winds Field Sports New Signage and Improvements





Officials from the South Bend Silver Hawks and Four Winds hosted a media day at Four Winds Field on Wednesday, April 2 that spotlighted new stadium signage and off-season improvements that were made possible as a result of Four Winds support.

"We believe our naming rights agreement with the South Bend Silver Hawks further demonstrates our commitment to the city of South Bend and the community," said Pokagon Chairman John P. Warren. "The Silver Hawks organization has done a tremendous job getting the stadium ready for opening day, including the new signs proudly displaying the new name – Four Winds Field."

# Sarah Ballew Receives Udall Foundation 2014 Congressional Internship

The Udall Foundation is pleased to announce that Sarah Ballew, Pokagon Band citizen from Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, is interning in the office of U.S. Senator Mark Udall. Sarah is currently seeking her B.A. in environmental studies with a focus on environmental policy at the University of Michigan. Her career goals include working with Native American tribes to develop and strengthen environmental policies that align with cultural values.

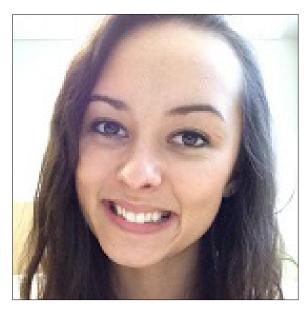
Twelve students from five tribes and nine universities have been selected as 2014 Native American Congressional Interns. They were selected by an independent review committee on the basis of academic achievement and a demonstrated commitment to careers in tribal public policy.

The 12 Udall Interns will complete an intensive, ten-week internship in the summer of 2014. Special enrichment activities will provide opportunities to meet with key decision makers. From 1996 through 2014, 221 American Indian and Alaska Native students from 110 tribes will have participated in the program.

In addition to her studies, Sarah Ballew is the cochair of the Native American Student Association and plans many events for the campus and community to learn about and participate in native cultural practices. She is a fancy shawl dancer and has been dancing at pow wows her whole life.

This highly regarded internship program is intended to provide American Indians and Alaska Natives with an insider's view of the federal government. The internship is located in Washington, D.C., and is known for placing students in extremely competitive internship positions in Senate and House offices, committees, Cabinet departments, and the White House, where they are able to observe government decision-making processes firsthand.

The Udall Foundation awards approximately 12 internships every summer on the basis of merit to American Indians and Alaska Natives who are college juniors or seniors, recent graduates from tribal or four-year colleges, or graduate or law students who have demonstrated an interest in fields related to



tribal public policy, such as criminal justice, cultural preservation and revitalization, education, economic development, health, law, natural resources protection, and tribal governance.

# Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Pokégnek Yajdanawa is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in Pokegnek Yajdanawa. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the fourteenth of each month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa
Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047
Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

### Carmen O'Brien is Elder of the Month

Hello! I moved to Dowagiac in September 2013. It was my father's dream to return to the St. Joseph river valley area in Michigan (Dowagiac, Hartford, Muskegon), Indiana and Illinois.

I am a Shaganaby, Chingman, Morsaw, and Morseau. I love photography, dance and medicine (homeopathic, traditional and western). I graduated from Girls Catholic Central. I married and have four loving, adult children: three daughters and one son. I started work at age 14 and retired May 2013 before moving to Dowagiac. In my late twenties, I attended Mary Grove College and studied nursing. Unfortunately due to an injury, I had to withdraw. However I continued to work to give my children the best possible life and opportunities for them to have a better life.

I have met many wonderful friends and family members that I have not seen for decades. Thank you to the elders for all that they do for us. I am so grateful for our loving Elders Council.







# Four Winds Invitational Donations Benefit Memorial Children's Hospital Patients





Tribal Council members recently toured Memorial Children's Hospital in South Bend to see first-hand how donations from the Four Winds Invitational have benefitted patients of the hospital.

For the third year the Pokagon Band will be sponsoring the Four Winds Invitational, which will take place June



20-22 at Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend. Along with the support of several local sponsors, the Band has made donations of \$109,500 to Memorial Children's Hospital over the past two years as a result of proceeds from the tournament. The ambulance, a neonatal transport unit, and—this

year—a neonatal infant warmer, all offer improved health care services to children thanks to this support.

You are invited to celebrate the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education

# High School Graduates Class of 2014

Friday, June 20 Pokagon Band Community Center 27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac, MI

> 5:00 p.m. Refreshments 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Hosted by Department of Education Kindly R.S.V.P. to Connie Baber (269) 782-0887 or connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov

# 2014 Young Native Writers Essay Contest Underway

The contest is designed to encourage young Native American writers to explore their heritage. It is open to Native American high school students from all native communities.

For 2014, students are being asked to write about one or more of the cultural images, symbols or art forms that have been historically developed by their community (American Indian, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian) to communicate a particular message or value or serve a specific purpose. Essays are to be 1,200 words or less and should cover the following:

- Describe the image(s), symbol(s) or art forms selected;
- Explain how it was originally developed or used by the community;
- Reflect on the student's own experience about it, including thoughts and feelings; and
- Suggest why or how it is still relevant today.

This contest is co-sponsored by the Holland & Knight Charitable Foundation, the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). Contest winners will receive a \$2,500 college scholarship and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for a week of activities. The essay submission deadline is April 22.



# **Experience Drummond Island this Summer** July 9 - 13, 2014

#### **Great Lakes Traditional Arts Gathering**

Immerse yourself in the rich diversity of traditional arts, crafts, and natural wonders of the Great Lakes region.

Spend four days working directly with the region's most noted traditional artists, craftspeople, historians and naturalists in small group settings—with dozens of workshops for both adults and children. Forge your own bark awl, help build a fully functional spruce bark canoe, etch a birch bark basket with an Odawa artist, work with a master falconer, explore the waters around Drummond island in a replica 1870s wooden ship, and take home an assortment of beautiful and functional traditional crafts and new skills. Evenings feature acoustic music, stargazing and traditional storytelling by campfire.

Eligibility for travel, which includes, transportation lodging, meals, registration fee, and cost covered for up

Eligiblity includes attending 10 language classes between April 2014 and June 2014, if you live in the service area. Classes are held in Dowagiac, South Bend Hartford, and Hopkins.

Youth must attend Youth Council meetings in person or through Skype through June and receive the community service hours set by the youth cultural

You must also attend at least five community events sponsored by the Department of Language and Culture before the end of June 2014.

Events must be documented, endorsed, and verified by the department staff to be eligible

Questions? Please contact the Department of Language and Culture (269) 462-4325.

**Eligible Language & Culture events:** 14 weeks of language (held in Hopkins, Dowagiac, Hartford & South Bend), 14 weeks of drum class (held in Jowagiac, Hartford, and coming to Hopkins), 3 Youth Council meetings, April 12 (1—4pm) Easter Party at Hartford High School, April 12 (4 pm)
i-on-3 Basketball tournament at Hartford High School, April 28 (5pm) Pow Wow Club at Community Center, May 8 (5:30–7:30pm) Olympic Training t Community Center, May 10 (9:30 am –?) Fishing Tournament at Gage Street, May 26 (8 am) Veterans Parade in downtown Dowagiac by Harding's, May 31 (10 am) Lacrosse Tournament at Rogers lake, June 1 Mini Olympics time & location TBA, June17–20 Culture Camp (2nd grade—5th), June 23–27

Those students who are interested in participating can visit the Holland & Knight Young Native Writers Essay Contest website, www.nativewriters.hklaw. com, for official contest rules and to view past winning essays. All essays must be submitted electronically by the entry deadline, April 22, 2014, through the contest website. Up to five contest winners will be announced in mid-May.

During the week of July 20, 2014, the contest winners will receive an allexpenses-paid "Scholar Week" trip to Washington, D.C. The group's activities will include an honor ceremony at NMAI; a tour of the NMAI Cultural Resources Center where tribal objects can be viewed and studied; educational symposia for students and their teachers; and a tour of the U.S. Capitol. Winners will also receive a \$2,500 scholarship to be paid to the college or university of their choice.

The contest debuted in 2006 in Red Lake, Minnesota, in response to the March 2005 shooting by a Red Lake High School student of five fellow students, a teacher, a security guard, members of his family and then himself. Holland & Knight's Charitable Foundation developed this contest with the hope that the Red Lake community would find healing by promoting its rich culture and traditions. In the following years, the program has evolved to serve all Native American communities.



Michigan Indian Legal Services

# Free Legal Aid Clinic

for Low-Income Pokagon Band Citizens

Monday, May 19, 2014 at 9:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. (No appointment necessary)

Pokagon Band Community Center 27043 Potawatomi Trial Downgiac, MI 49047

Do you need advice or assistance with a pressing legal issue and do you think your income may fall lower than federal poverty guidelines? (See chart below) If so, come to the free legal aid clinic.

Issues may include (among others):

- Power of Attorney Housing Matters
- Juvenile delinquency cases

- Simple Wille
- (Medical and/or Financial) . Health Care and Welfare Benefits
- Per Capita Cambhment

- · Criminal and Family Law
- Child welfare and ICWA

#### PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BRING ALL THE PAPERWORK RELATED TO YOUR LEGAL ISSUE

#### 2014 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Household Size	125% of Poverty Guideline*	200% of Poverty Guideline**
1	\$13,963 annual income	\$22,340 annual income
2	18,912	30,260
3	23,863	38,180
4	28,813	46,100
5	33,763	54,020
6	38,714	61,940
7	43,664	69,860
8	48,613	77,780
7	43,664	69,860
8	48,613	77,780
For each additional individual after 8 add:	4,950	7,920

- Persons under 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are LSC eligible.
- $^{-}$  Persons falling between 125% and 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines are LSC eligible if: -The applicant has fixed debt or obligation (such as a rent, mortgage, child support, other payments fixed in date and time excluding credit card debt, utilities, food).

Do you have any questions or would like more information? If you cannot make it to the clinic but still want free legal advice, please call MILS at 1-800-968-6877.

# **Project LAUNCH Seeking Parents for Advisory Group**

#### By JT Laraway, Young Child Wellness Coordinator



The Pokagon Band Department of Social Services is currently seeking individuals who may be interested in serving in an advisory capacity for the Project LAUNCH team. LAUNCH stands for Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children. The project is funded through a federal grant to focus on social, emotional, and behavioral health of Pokagon children from birth through age 8.

Any caregiver (biological parent, grandparent, foster, or adoptive parent) of a Pokagon child up to the age 8 is invited to join the Project LAUNCH Advisory Group.

Monthly meetings are expected to begin in May

2014 and will consist of special presentations covering different aspects of Project LAUNCH for parents/caregivers to analyze and provide constructive criticism.

In an effort to make participation in the Project LAUNCH Parent Advisory Group as parent friendly as possible, childcare services, snacks, and mileage reimbursement will be provided for all meetings.

Interested individuals should e-mail Micky Martin by April 25 at michaelina. martin@gmail.com or JT Laraway at John.laraway@pokagonband-nsn.gov or call (269) 462-4450.



# Train Together for the Family Olympics

What: Michigan Indian Family Olympics, something for all ages.
All Michigan Tribes participate

When: leading up to Summer 2014



Participate in three of the training events offered and receive a gift incentive. Involvement in one school sport can substitute for one of the three trainings.

These events are open to Native Americans and their families, and Pokagon Band staff and their families.

# Training Schedule:

# April 2014

April 12 | Hartford High School | 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

#### May 2014

May 8 | Community Center | 5:30p.m.-7:30p.m.

🚱 May 18 | Hopkins High School | 5:00p.m.-7:00p.m.

# June 2014

June 1 | Decatur Track | 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m.



💉 new or rescheduled date

# Pokagon Fund Awards Grants for March 2014

The Pokagon Fund awarded \$448,711 in grant funding in March, taking the total grants awarded since inception to \$17,806,575.

#### **Discretionary Grants**

- \$76,860 to Friends of Harbor Country Trails for bike trails on South Whittaker
- \$60,000 to Friend of Harbor Country Trails for their project manager
- \$23,000 to the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra for the annual Independence Day Concert
- \$15,276 to New Buffalo Arts Council for Black Ash Basket classes in Harbor Country
- \$6,000 to New Buffalo Business Association for Fireworks
- \$5,000 to Animal Lovers for their spay/neuter programming
- \$3,947 to Three Oaks Baseball for AED defibrillator equipment
- \$2,100 to Miss Three Oaks Committee for the Blossomtime Float

#### **Municipal Grants**

- \$124,043 to the Village of Three Oaks and the Township of Three Oaks for enhancements to Carver Park
- \$100,000 to New Buffalo Township for enhancements to Glassman Park
- \$11,500 to Chikaming Township for Fire Department water rescue equipment

#### **Band Grants**

- \$9,985 to Hartford Public Schools for literacy programming
- \$5,000 to City of Hartford for City Park enhancements
- \$4,000 to Hartford Fire Department for computer upgrades
- \$1,000 to Dowagiac Chamber of Commerce for Summer in the City
- \$1,000 to Hartford Chamber of Commerce for the Strawberry Festival



# Family Welfare Commission Looking for Native Handmade Quilts or Artwork



The Family Welfare Commission is seeking handmade quilts— for purchase or donation—to replenish our stock. These quilts will be given to children that are welcomed into a new home. These quilts are more than just blankets; they are symbols of a loving family wrapping their arms around a child. These will be keepsakes that the children will always treasure.

In addition to quilts, we are considering other traditional gifts that the children may cherish. We are open to any suggestions you may have. Some items of thought were corn husk dolls, hand drums, or moccasins. Suggestions welcome.

If these trades are your passion and would love to provide a gift of culture to our children, please contact the Social Service Department at (269) 782-8998 and submit pictures of previous work completed.

# Take the Walking Challenge

#### By Liz Leffler, community health nurse

Walking is one of the best activities for getting into shape. Walking provides such benefits as improved heart and lung efficiency, fat burning, increased energy and reduced cholesterol and blood pressure.

Now is a great time to begin a walking fitness program, not only because it's spring, but because it is time again for the Tribe-to-Tribe Walking Works Challenge. Walking Works will run from May 3 through July 13, 2014. This challenge involves all of the tribes in Michigan competing to walk the farthest. The walking program allows you to track your steps and activity online each week. If you don't have a computer, you can track your steps on paper, and a Community Health worker will log your steps into the system for you.

Winners will be announced at this year's Michigan Indian Family Olympics on July 18. The winning tribes will receive cash prizes, which will allow the Pokagon Wellness Committee to provide more fitness programs for staff and citizens.

The walking challenge is open to all employees and their immediate family members, Pokagon Band citizens and their immediate family members, and other Native Americans and their immediate family members. If you are interested in participating, please contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406 or (888) 440-1234 x 406, Or you can e-mail her at Elizabeth.leffler@pokagonband-nsn.gov to receive the information on how to sign up and get a pedometer to start logging your steps.

Any fitness regimen works better with some strength training. If you are interested in learning some strength training exercises, please attend Dean Orvis's Lean Lunch program on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:15 pm-12:45 pm at the Rodgers Lake Pavilion. Please consult your primary care provider before starting a new exercise regimen.



#### 2014 Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow Planned for May 24 & 25



#### Honoring the community eagle staff carried by the Pokagon Band veterans

The fifth annual Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Traditional Pow Wow will be held the Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend, May 24 & 25, 2014 at the Rodgers Lake pow wow grounds. The Pow Wow is named in recognition of the Pokagon Band community eagle staff carried by the Pokagon Band veterans, and the Pow Wow includes activities to honor all the veterans of the Pokagon Band community, as well as traditional dancing, singing, and crafts. For more information, contact Kevin Daugherty at (269) 591-1230.

#### Volunteers needed for Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow

It takes many volunteers to conduct the Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Marchell Wesaw at 269-462-4204.

# **Language and Culture Sponsorships Offered**

The Department of Language and Culture believes in the importance of allowing Pokagon citizens the opportunity to experience Native American celebrations across the country while also representing the beautiful culture of the Pokagon Potawatomi. L&C is delighted to offer sponsorships for tribal citizens to attend pow wows, demonstrations, and other cultural events. To apply for a sponsorship, please visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/language-and-culture or call the office at (269) 462-4325 for applications.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/departments/language-and-culture

# "Healing the Scars" Mt. Pleasant Boarding School Trip Planned



The Veterans and Youth Councils will be participating in the annual boarding school remembrance ceremony in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

This ceremony honors those who were sent to the boarding school and remembers the many children who died while attending the school.

The "Honoring, Healing & Remembering" ceremony happens the same day every year to commemorate the last operational day of the boarding school: June 6, 1934. If you would like to partake in this healing ceremony please contact one of our veterans or the Department of Language and Culture at: (269) 462-4325



# Are you looking for a way to help others?

Auxiliary Tutors Wanted for the PreK–12 Program

The Pokagon Band Department of Education is looking for qualified tutors to work with Pokagon students (pre-kindergarten – 12th Grade) both in and out of the ten-county service area.

Qualified candidates will have a current teaching certificate or a Bachelor's degree with an academic area of focus. Tutors are hired as private contractors. A completed background investigation through the Department of Human Resources is required.

If you or someone you know may be interested in tutoring, applications are available on the web at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Please contact the Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 or by email at Kristie.Bussler@Pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Pokagon Band tribal preference hiring policy applies.

### **Parade Participants Wanted**

If you can sing, dance, drum, rattle, or wave we would like to invite you to participate in one or both of these amazing opportunities.

During the month of May, the Pokagon Band has been invited to partake in two of the areas premier parades:

#### Blossomtime Parade May 3

The Blossomtime Parade is the oldest and largest multi-community parade in Michigan and travels from Saint Joseph to Benton Harbor on May 3.

#### Honoring our Veterans Parade May 26

The city of Dowagiac 'Honoring our Veterans' Parade begins on the main street of Dowagiac and ends with a special ceremony at the Riverside Cemetery on May 26.

# Language and Culture Seeking Adults to Share Skills with Youth

Do you have skills and energy to share with Pokagon youth? The Department of Language and Culture is compiling a pool of background-screened adults who could be on call to volunteer with our youth programming. If you hunt, fish, garden or gather; if you can teach art, drumming or another cultural talent; if you can coach lacrosse, basketball, or baseball, our kids and our tribe needs you. Some opportunities will be paid, others are volunteer. Contact the Language & Culture department (269) 462–4325 for more information.

# 2014 North American Indigenous Games



The 2014 North American Indigenous Games is July 20–27 in Regina, Saskatchewan. Native athletes ages 13–19 can compete in 15 different sports. If you'd like more info, visit www.regina2014naig.com or contact Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator at (269) 462-4290.



# Counselors and Specialty Service Providers Needed for Culture Camp 2014

The Department of Language and Culture is looking for Camp Counselors and specialty service providers for the Summer Youth Culture Camp for the positions of: 1) lifeguard 2) nurse 3) caterer 4) Junior Camp Counselor and 5) Senior Camp Counselor. The lifeguard will only be needed for identified days and times of the camp, but the nurse and caterer are required to be available for the duration of the camp – which is scheduled for June 17 - 27, 2014. All camp staff is required to attend a mandatory orientation and training, date to be announced.

#### Counselor Requirements:

- At least 18 years of age for Junior Counselors
- Prior experience working with youth for Senior Counselors
- Culturally knowledgeable, sensitive and open minded.
- High school graduate/college preferred
- Experience working with youth, classroom management, and public speaking.
- Must be able to work as a team.
- Physically capable to participate in most camp activities
- Available from June 17 27, 2013
- Able to pass a criminal background check, drug screening, and fingerprinting If you are interested in being a part of the 2014 Culture Camp team, please contact Heather Farver in the Human Resources Department at (269) 462-4267.

## **Domestic Violence: Not Just a Private Matter**

Domestic violence is a very serious problem that impacts everyone—not just the people it happens to. According to the US Department of Justice Native American women are more likely than any other group of women to experience violence: almost two in five Native women will be victims of domestic violence at some point in their lives.

Domestic violence doesn't just impact those families and individuals who experience it. Domestic violence is part of a larger system of inequality. Mainstream culture, entertainment, the legal system, and other systems allow women to be seen as unequal to men. Unequal wages, lack of representation in high earning jobs and politics, and negative images in popular culture are just some factors that contribute to this. When we, on the whole, think women aren't as valuable as men we are more likely not to see their problems as important or worse, blame them for the bad things that happen to them. This belief is also bad for boys and men, as they will not be encouraged to treat girls and women with the respect our culture values.

Our community will no longer be silent about domestic violence. Many women in the community have been actively involved in raising awareness for domestic violence through the Purple Shawl workshops offered throughout the year, as well as other outreach events. The Department of Social Services also offers services to women in the community who are experiencing domestic violence and want help. If you or someone you know is being hurt and wants help please have them call Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324.

# **Upcoming Department of Social Services Events**

The Department of Social Services is sponsoring several events for the community. Please see details below. Please RSVP to Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324, as spaces may be limited.

Purple Shawl Workshop | May 18 1:00 pm-5:00 pm | Community Center The Department of Social Services is hosting one last Purple Shawl workshop before the Oshke-Kno-Kewéwen Pow Wow. Please bring a friend and a dish to pass. You do not need to be a domestic violence survivor to attend. Contact Casey Kasper for more details.

**Feather Holder Workshop | May 27 10:00 am—noon | Location TBD**Joy Duff will be teaching a class to make feather holders to help encourage women to start making their bundles. This class is for women only and space is very limited. If you are interested in attending please contact Casey Kasper to RSVP.

The Band's Gage Street Property will be closed during the Family Fishing Tournament Saturday, May 10 from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.









Join Pokagon Health Services, Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Education and Language & Culture

# Family Fishing Tournament

Saturday, May 10, 2014 Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. at Gage St. Lake

#### **Fish Tales**

- Registration is required. Onsite registration is available.
- You must wear a life jacket! No exceptions. Limited number of personal flotation devices available for those who can't provide their own.
- Limited number of canoes (reserve one by pre-registering).
- You may use your own boat but the gas tank must be removed. Please note, the launch is very rustic. Limit to 14–foot boats.
- Fishing poles and bait available.
- RSVP online at Family-Fishing-Tournament.eventbrite.com
- Check out the Bass Masters truck and boat

For more information, contact Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator, at Dean.Orvis@PokagonBand-nsn.gov or call Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325



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# May **2014**

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# Required Documentation for Contract Health Services Coverage

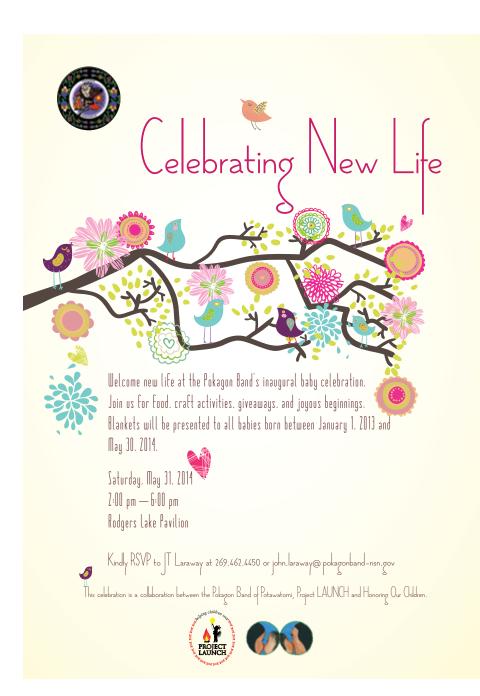
Patients need to provide the following documentation to be considered for Contract Health Services:

- 1. Tribal ID or letter of enrollment
- 2. Drivers license or state ID
  - If you do not have a driver's license or state ID with your current address listed, a proof of address is required (i.e. recent utility bill with your name and address, voter registration card, etc. It cannot be tribal or personal mail.)
- 3. Current health insurance cards
  - If you are currently uninsured, you will have 30 days to apply for Medicaid. Our Medicaid application specialists can assist you.

For our Medicaid Application Specialist to assist you with your application, you will need to bring the following documentation:

- 1. Proof of identity and family relationships for all household residents (tribal ID, drivers license or state ID)
- 2. Social security card/number for everyone applying for benefits within household
- 3. Proof of income for all household residents (paycheck stubs, per capita, unemployment, social security, disability or pension award letter, self-employment records of income.)
- 4. Proof of resources for all household residents (checking and/or savings account statements)

Please call (800) 440-1234 with any questions.



# **Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee Announces Annual T-shirt Design Contest**



The Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Contest Pow Wow Committee is seeking submissions for the 2014 t-shirt designs. All submissions from any Native artist enrolled in a federally-recognized tribe will be accepted. The artist that creates the winning design for the pow wow T-shirts will be awarded \$500.

#### How to Enter

- 1. Entries must be submitted by email to Beth.Salman@PokagonBand-nsn.gov. The entries may be submitted in PDF format, 6"x 6", no more than 4 colors, 300 dpi and text layers, if included, must be separate from artwork. However, a vector file with layers in EPS format is preferred.
- 2. The email must include the name, contact information and email address of the entrant.
- 3. The deadline for entries is July 1, 2014.
- 4. We will attempt to acknowledge all entries within one week of receipt; however, we cannot be responsible for entries or responses lost in e-mail.
- 5. There is no fee to enter the contest.

#### Judging and Selection of Winner

- 1. The winning design will be selected by the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow committee. Their decision will be final.
- 2. The Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow committee reserves the right not to select a winner if, in its sole discretion, no suitable entries are received.

# Intellectual Property

- 1. All submitted work must be original and not based on any pre-existing design.
- 2. All entries will become the sole property of the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow and it may reproduce, distribute, publish, display, edit, modify, create derivative works and otherwise use the material for any purpose in any form and on any media.

Any questions or for more information, please contact Beth Salman at the email above or call (269) 462-4284 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

## **Pokagon Health Services Announces Extended Hours**

The Pokagon Health Clinic will offer extended hours once a week each Thursday evening starting January 9, 2014. Should extended hours become a big hit, staff will look at adding extended hours on more days of the week.

Thursday night extended hours will go until 7:00 p.m., but transportation won't be offered. Please call (269) 782-4141 for appointments during extended hours, or if you have any questions.

# Notice of Open Alternate Position | Pokagon Rights Board

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill one vacant Alternate Member position on the Pokagon Rights Board (the "Board"). The Board is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government that was created through enactment of the Pokagon Rights Board Code (the "Code"). As provided in the Code, the Board's duties include: (a) researching and investigating aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites; (b) compiling and cataloging information and documents related to aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites; and (c) making recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites. The Board is comprised of five (5) persons as follows: (a) the Director of the Band's Department of Natural Resources; and (b) four (4) Pokagon Band citizens. Additionally, the Board has two (2) Alternate Members who are also expected to attend all Board meetings and will be seated and vote in the absence of a Board Member(s). One of the two Alternate Member positions is currently vacant. The Board meets approximately once each month and at additional times as may be needed to fulfill Board duties. Alternate Members are also expected to spend several additional hours per month preparing for Board meetings or engaging in other Board activities. The Pokagon Rights Board Code is available on the Pokagon Band's website.

**COMPENSATION.** Alternate Members are compensated for service to the Board at rates established by the Tribal Council. In addition, Alternate Members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Board business in accordance with the Band's Travel Policy.

**ELIGIBILITY.** All persons who wish to serve as an Alternate Member must be a Pokagon Band Citizen who: (a) is at least twenty-five (25) years of age; and (b) possesses expertise, knowledge, skills, and professional and personal experience which will contribute to the fulfillment of the purposes and duties of the Board.

**ETHICS REQUIREMENTS.** As Public Officials, Alternate Members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by from the Band's website.

**CONFIDENTIALITY.** All Board members, including Alternate Members, are prohibited from disclosing confidential information, which will include information related to aboriginal rights, treaty rights and sacred sites.

**HOW TO APPLY.** Please submit letters of interest along with a current résumé to:

Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary P.O. Box 180 Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** The Tribal Council will appoint a person to fill the vacant Alternate Member position on the Board. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment as an Alternate Member must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the written statements of interest and résumés, provided that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Tribal Council Executive Secretary who will share the information with the Tribal Council.

**TERM.** The term of office for an Alternate Member of the Board is three (3) years; however, because this appointment is to fill a vacancy, the appointment will be for the remainder of the existing term of office, which will expire on May 21, 2015. There is no limit to the number of terms an Alternate Member may serve on the Board.

**DEADLINE.** This position shall remain open until filled by appointment by the Tribal Council.

Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Pokagon Rights Board pursuant to any previous posting announcing a vacancy on the Board, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Pokagon Rights Board, you must reapply as provided in this Notice.

**QUESTIONS.** All questions concerning the Board, the Land Use and Conservation Code, or this Notice may be directed to Steve Winchester, Council Member and Land Use Board Chairman at (269) 591-0119 or <a href="Steve-Winchester@PokagonBand-nsn.gov">Steve-Winchester@PokagonBand-nsn.gov</a>.

## Notice of Open Alternate Position | Pokagon Land Use Board

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band Citizens to fill one (1) vacant Alternate Member position on the Pokagon Band Land Use Board ("Board"). The Board is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government that was created by the enactment of the Pokagon Band Land Use and Conservation Code ("Code"). As provided in the Code, the Board's duties include: (a) researching, preparing and making recommendations to the Tribal Council regarding the classification, reclassification, transfer and acquisition of Pokagon Band land; and (b) researching and developing a Long Term Land Acquisition and Development Plan to guide future growth and to establish goals and priorities for the use of Pokagon Band land. The Board is comprised of five (5) persons as follows: (a) the Director of the Band's Department of Natural Resources; and (b) four (4) Pokagon Band citizens. Additionally, the Board has two (2) Alternate Members who will be expected to attend all Board meetings and will be seated and vote in the absence of a Board Member(s). One of the two Alternate Member positions is vacant. The Board meets approximately once each month and at additional times as needed to fulfill Board duties. Alternate Members are also expected to spend several additional hours per month preparing for Board meetings or engaging in other Board activities. The Land Use and Conservation Code is available on the Band's website.

**COMPENSATION.** Alternate Members are compensated for service to the Board at rates established by the Tribal Council. In addition, Alternate Members are entitled to mileage when using their personal vehicle to attend meetings and for other Board business in accordance with the Band's Travel Policy.

**ELIGIBILITY.** Any person who wishes to seek appointment to fill the vacant Alternate Member position on the Board must: (a) be a Pokagon Band Citizens; (b) be at least twenty-five (25) years of age; and (c) possess expertise, knowledge, skills, and professional and personal experience which will contribute to the fulfillment of the purposes and duties of the Board.

**ETHICS REQUIREMENTS.** As Public Officials, Alternate Members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by from the Band's website.

**HOW TO APPLY.** Please submit letters of interest along with a current résumé to: Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 180, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** The Tribal Council will appoint a person to fill the vacant Alternate Member position on the Board. All persons who wish to be considered for appointment as an Alternate Member must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the written statements of interest and résumés, provided that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Tribal Council Executive Secretary who will share the information with the Tribal Council.

**TERM.** The original term of office for an Alternate Member of the Board is three (3) years; however, because this appointment is to fill a vacancy, the appointment will be for the remainder of the existing term, which will expire on November 9, 2016. There is no limit to the number of terms an Alternate Member may serve on the Board.

**DEADLINE.** This position shall remain open until filled by appointment by the Tribal Council. Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Land Use Board pursuant to any previous posting announcing a vacancy on the Board, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Land Use Board, you must reapply as provided in this Notice. QUESTIONS. All questions concerning the Board, the Land Use and Conservation Code, or this Notice may be directed to Steve Winchester, Council Member and Land Use Board Chairman at (269) 591-0119 or <a href="mailto:Steve-Winchester@PokagonBand-nsn.gov">Steve-Winchester@PokagonBand-nsn.gov</a>.

# **Presenters Wanted for Cultural Workshops**

The Department of Social Services is looking for female presenters to run small, monthly cultural presentations and workshops. We ask that you focus your presentation on healthy relationships, respect, and the importance of women in the community. All presenters will be paid for up to two hours of work, in addition to mileage and supply reimbursement.

If you have any additional questions or are interested in getting involved please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or via email at casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

# All Pokagon Veterans Invited

Come and join us! We have now scheduled two meetings a month:

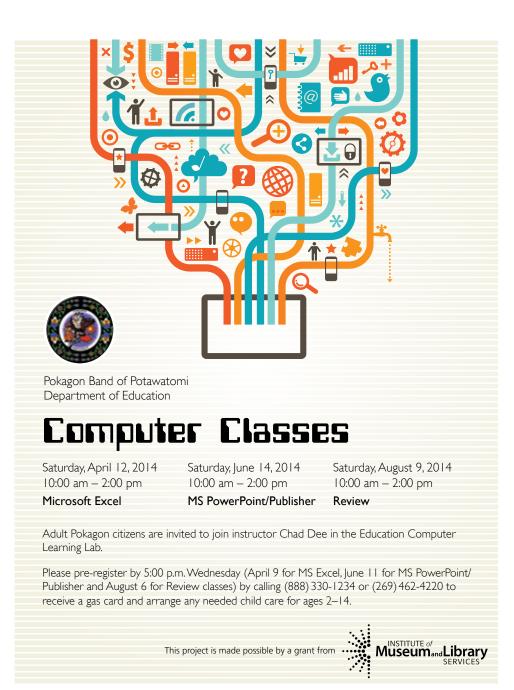
- First Thursday of each month, 2:00 p.m., Community Center, Dowagiac
- Second Saturday of each month (after Council meetings), at 2:00 p.m.,
   Community Center, Dowagiac

Look for updates on our Pokagon website, via e-mails or our own Facebook page: The Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans.

Hope to see you there!!

# **Apprentice Program Contact Changed**

Carpenters apprentices and those interested in the apprenticeship program: Traci Henslee, workforce training and resource specialist, is the new contact for the apprenticeship program. You can reach her at traci.henslee@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4227.



#### Riddle

Last month's riddle winner is Barb Pasquill, who answered "Pronounced as one letter, and written with three, two letters there are, and two only in me. I'm double, I'm single, I'm black, blue, and gray, I'm read from both ends, and the same either way. What am I?" The correct answer is EYE.

Kathy Church submitted a new riddle. Check it out:

It's not a bird though feathered, and it has a mobile nest. It's quick in flight and having flown, it always stops to rest!

Mail or e-mail your correct answer to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov in the Department of Education and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card. Another way to win is to mail or e-mail your own riddle; the person whose riddle is selected for the next newsletter will win a gift card.

# **ATTENTION: Pokagon Band College Bound Students**

The Michigan Indian Elders Association are once again offering two award programs this year.

For the college bound student: Winners are selected by a panel of judges. You have the chance to receive a \$500 to 1,000.00 scholarship. Students must complete the application form, available at the Pokagon Band Education office, and submit it with required documentation.

The deadline for application of this program is June 20, 2014.

Applications for the program is available at MichiganIndianElders.org.

# Title VII Public Hearing Notice

Come and learn about the Department of Education's formula grant program

Sunday, May 25 | 10-11 a.m.

during the Oshke-Kno-Kewewen Traditional Pow Wow

In the Teaching Cabin at Rodgers Lake

58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047





#### **Tribal Court Notice**

This Notice was mailed to the Respondent on March 25, 2014 by first class mail. It was returned by the U.S. Postal Service on March 31, 2014 with a Return to Sender label that stated "Not Deliverable as addressed, unable to forward." The Court has approved the publication of this Notice because there is no valid address.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COURT NOTICE BY PUBLICATION CASE NO. 14-2650-PCDCS 58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047 Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

#### **NOTICE OF**

- (1) ORDER TO STAY DISTRIBUTIONS OF PER CAPITA PAYMENTS; AND
- (2) PETITION/AFFIDAVIT TO WITHHOLD PER CAPITA PAYMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT
- To: Keith Jack Wilkinson Respondent's Name
- 1. Notice is hereby given that a *Petition/Affidavit to Withhold Per Capita Payments* for *Delinquent Child Support* was filed with the Tribal Court on March 25, 2014.
- 2. Tribal law **mandates** that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy **delinquent** court-ordered child support. See Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.
- 3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. See 28 USC § 1738B, Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act.
- 4. An *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been entered by the Court against your payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments has been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for distributions of per capita payments.
- 5. An Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support shall be entered by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the:
  - a. RECOGNITION of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6; or
  - b. ENFORCEMENT of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 7.
- 6. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the **recognition** of the foreign court orders with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that the:
  - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
  - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
- 7. Unless you file an objection to the **enforcement** of the foreign court orders, an *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* will apply **ALL** of your per capita payments to satisfy the **delinquent** court-ordered child support in each case until such time as the **delinquent** child support obligations are satisfied, or until further order of this Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that:
  - a. you do not owe a DELINQUENT child support obligation; or
  - b. redirection of all of your per capita payments would create an EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP to your health or general welfare.
- 8. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* should not be granted by this Court.

# **Adult Work Experience Opportunity Offered**

The Pokagon Band has an opening for a training placement starting in July with the Department of Education. The position would work for forty hours a week for twenty weeks during the Department's summer programs.

The participant would need to meet the basic WIA eligibility requirements, which are low-income, unemployed or underemployed; be a Native American with Pokagon Band tribal preference; 18 years or older; and residing in the ten county service area. In addition, the participant must:

- 1. Be able to pass background checks and drug test
- 2. Have already obtained a GED and/or high school diploma
- 3. Be pursuing further educational training preferably in courses of education, child development and/or psychology

Contact Traci Henslee, workforce training and resource specialist, at traci.henslee@ pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4218 by **Monday, May 12, 2014 by 5 p.m.** to apply.



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education

# Career Workshop

Saturday, March 8 10:00 am – 2:00pm Saturday, May 10 10:00 am – 2:00pm Saturday, July 12 10:00 am – 2:00pm

Dealing with Barriers to Employment Interview Skills

Gateways to Employment

Adult Pokagon citizens are invited to join instructor Lanre Ajayi in the Education Training Room. We will provide adult tribal citizens with child care, gas cards to cover transportation to and from workshop, and a \$30 gift card to the movies. Treat yourself after doing something good for your future!

As space and child care assistance is limited, please pre-register by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior (Mar 5, May 7 and July 10) at (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220.

This project is made possible by a grant from



#### **Tribal Court Notice**

This Notice was originally mailed to the Respondent on March 14, 2014 by first class mail and was returned by the U.S. Postal Service marked undeliverable but providing a forwarding address. A 2nd Notice was mailed to the forwarding address on March 28, 2014 but was returned by the U.S. Postal Service on April 4, 2014 marked "not deliverable as addressed, unable to forward, return to sender." The Court has approved the publication of this Notice because there is no valid address

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COURT NOTICE BY PUBLICATION CASE NO. 14-2640-PCDCS

58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047 Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

#### NOTICE OF

- (1) ORDER TO STAY DISTRIBUTIONS OF PER CAPITA PAYMENTS; AND
- (2) PETITION/AFFIDAVIT TO WITHHOLD PER CAPITA PAYMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT

To: Krystin Marie Liska Respondent's Name

- 1. Notice is hereby given that a *Petition/Affidavit to Withhold Per Capita Payments* for *Delinquent Child Support* was filed with the Tribal Court on March 14, 2014.
- 2. Tribal law mandates that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy delinquent court-ordered child support. See Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.
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# **Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications**

To maintain effective communications, it is critical that citizens keep their addresses—and those of their children—updated. Many addresses currently in our system are out of date or undeliverable. If you move, please let the enrollment office know as soon as possible, and have your and your dependent's address updated. If your bank account is closed, we mail a live check to you in the next Per Capita check run. If your address is undeliverable, you will not receive this check until you have updated your address.

Contact enrollment coordinator Beth Edelberg at (888)782-1001 to change your address.

# Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment Office at (269) 782–1763 or Barb Vincent in the Finance Department at (269) 462–4209.

				Christmas			
Enrollment #	Name	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	Х	х	Х	х	х	
202	Jeffrey Morseau					х	Х
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	х	х	х	х	х	Х
857	Peter John Ramirez	х	х	х	х	х	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	х	х	х	х	х	
1598	Siloman Askin Temple					х	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			х	х	х	Х
2429	Larry Pierce Jr.					х	
2595	James Hamstra				х	х	
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		х	х	х	х	Х
4442	Mason Tyler Currey					х	

Please note - you must have a deliverable address on file.

# Attention 18- to 20-Year-Olds | Per Capita Information

Attention all high school seniors who are graduating from high school or individuals who may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Attn: Enrollment Office P O Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047 OR fax to: (269) 782-1964

The document must be received by June 15 in order to make it on the July 2014 check run. Anything received after June 15 will be processed on the check run for August. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

# Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, December 6, 2013	Thursday, December 19, 2013	Friday, December 20, 2013
Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Thursday, January 30, 2014	Friday, January 31, 2014
Friday, February 14, 2014	Thursday, February 27, 2014	Friday, February 28, 2014
Friday, March 14, 2014	Thursday, March 27 2014	Friday, March 28, 2014
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Tuesday, April 29, 2014	Wednesday, April 30, 2014
Thursday, May 15, 2014	Thursday, May 29, 2014	Friday, May 30, 2014
Friday, June 13, 2014	Thursday, June 26, 2014	Friday, June 27, 2014
Tuesday, July 15, 2014	Wednesday, July 30, 2014	Thursday, July 31, 2014
Friday, August 15, 2014	Thursday, August 28, 2014	Friday, August 29, 2014
Monday, September 15, 2014	Monday, September 29, 2014	Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Wednesday, October 15, 2014	Thursday, October 30, 2014	Friday, October 31, 2014
Monday, November 3, 2014*	Tuesday, November 25, 2014	Wed, November 26, 2014

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that in December the deadline to receive changes is December 6 and November the deadline to receive changes is November 3, this is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

# Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

For those tribal citizens receiving per capita checks in the mail and who do not have direct deposit, enclosed with your check you will find a direct deposit and a tax withholding form. These will be included with your check every month until we achieve 100% direct deposits.

The tribe is currently having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe is offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. We are making efforts to give everyone a chance to set up a bank account of your choice and on your own.

As always, the tax withholding form is not mandatory although highly suggested as per capita payments are subject to federal and state taxes. The tribe only withholds federal taxes with a completed form, state taxes are the responsibility of the citizen

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. Both of the above stated forms are available online at www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as I receive it by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as I do not receive any errors from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

## Tribal Council May Calendar of Events

- 5 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 6 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 13 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 17 **CANCELLED** Quarterly Legislative Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 19 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 20 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 26 Closed in observance of Memorial Day
- 27 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

To hear what is being served for the elders lunches in May, please call (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 noon.

# Tribal Council June Calendar of Events

- 2 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 3 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 10 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 16 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 17 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 23 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 24 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 30 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.





Department of Language & Culture

# Rush Lake Cemetery Clean-Up

Saturday, May 24, 2014 9:30 a.m.-12:30p.m. Leave from Rodgers Lake for Rush Lake Cemetery in Hartford, MI

Language & Culture invites everyone in the community wishing to help or provide for the community to join together for a community clean-up of our tribal lands and historical and cultural teachings provided by Jason S. Wesaw. We want to provide incentive for future generations to maintain and use tribal grounds that have lost the love and care that was present in past generations

A shuttle will leave from Rodgers Lake at 9:30 AM on Saturday, May 24 and return to Rodgers Lake by 12:30 PM.

Snacks, gloves and garbage bags will be provided. Community Service Hours will be awarded toward future tribal events.

# **Tribal Office Directory**

Administration Information Technology 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998 Toll Free (800) 517-0777 FAX (269) 782-6882

Commodities (269) 782-3372 Toll Free (888) 281-1111 FAX (269) 782-7814

Communications 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998

Compliance 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998

Chi Ishobak 415 E Prairie Ronde Street (269) 783-4157

Education and Training 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-0887 Toll Free (888) 330-1234 FAX (269) 782-0985

Elders Program 53237 Townhall Rd. (269) 782-0765 Toll Free (800) 859-2717 FAX (269) 782-1696

Election 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-9475 Toll Free (888) 782-9475

Enrollment 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-1763 FAX (269) 782-1964

Finance 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998 Toll Free (800) 517-0777 FAX (269) 782-1028

Head Start 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 783-0026/ (866) 250-6573 FAX (269) 782-9795

Health Services / Behavioral Health 57392 M 51 South (269) 782-4141 Toll Free (888) 440-1234 FAX (269) 782-8797 Housing & Facilities 27043 Potawatomi Trail (269) 783-0443 FAX (269) 783-0452

Human Resources 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998 FAX (269) 782-4253

Language & Culture 32142 Edwards St. (269) 782-9602 FAX (269) 783-0452

Mno-Bmadsen 415 E. Prairie Ronde St. (269) 783-4111 Natural Resources 32142 Edwards St. (269) 782-9602

FAX (269) 783-0452 Social Services 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998 Toll Free (800) 517-0777 FAX (269) 782-4295

South Bend Area Office 3733 Locust Street South Bend, IN 46614 (574) 282-2638 Toll Free (800) 737-9223 FAX (574) 282-2974 (269) 782-8998

Tribal Council 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-6323 Toll Free (888) 376-9988 FAX (269) 782-9625

Tribal Court 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 783-0505/ FAX (269) 783-0519

Tribal Police 58155 M-51 South (269) 782-2232 Toll Free (866) 399-0161 FAX (269) 782-7988

# **Tribal Council Directory**

(888) 376-9988

Chairman

John P.Warren (269) 214-2610

John.Warren@pokagonband-nsn.gov

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Tom Topash (269) 470-3745

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Secretary Faye Wesaw (269) 782-1864

Faye.Wesaw@pokagonband-nsn.gov

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Steve.Winchester@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Member at large Thomas Wesaw (269) 783-683 |

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Trudy.Loeding@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Member at large Roger Rader (269) 783-9039

Roger.Rader@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Executive Secretary Kelly Curran (269) 591-0604

Kelly.Curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov

**Elders Council Directory** 

Elders Hall (800) 859-2717 or (269) 782-0765

**Chair** Vacant (269) 462-5139

Vice Chair Maxine Margiotta (269) 783-6102

**Secretary** Audrey Huston (269) 591-4519 Treasurer Clarence White (269) 876-1118

Member at Large Ruth Saldivar (269) 214-1279

# **Senior Youth Council Directory**

Chairman

Collin Church

Collin.Church@pokagonband-nsn.gov

**Treasurer** Alex Wesaw

Alex.Wesaw@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Secretary

Cassondra Church

Cassondra.Church@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Member at large

Jenna Huffman

Jenna.Huffman@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Member at large Skyler Daisy

Skyler.Daisy@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Dean Orvis

Youth Cultural Coordinator

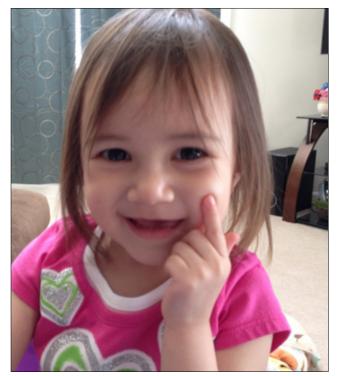
(269) 462-4290

### Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted

Both Senior and Junior Youth Councils are open to any Pokagon youngster. Anyone can join, and eventually run for the executive board. Besides the age divisions, there are differences between the two groups. The Junior Youth Council provides a voice for native youth between the ages of 12 and 18. The Council promotes the development of future tribal leaders through educational attainment and Potawatomi language, culture, pride, and identity. The Junior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for native youth to interact for fun and friendship.

The Senior Youth Council provides a voice for Pokagon citizens between the ages of 18 and 24. The Senior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for Pokagon young adults to interact for fun and friendship. The Council mobilizes members toward positive goals, promotes the development of future tribal leaders and educates native youth about tribal government.

# **Bbon Gises May Citizen Announcements**



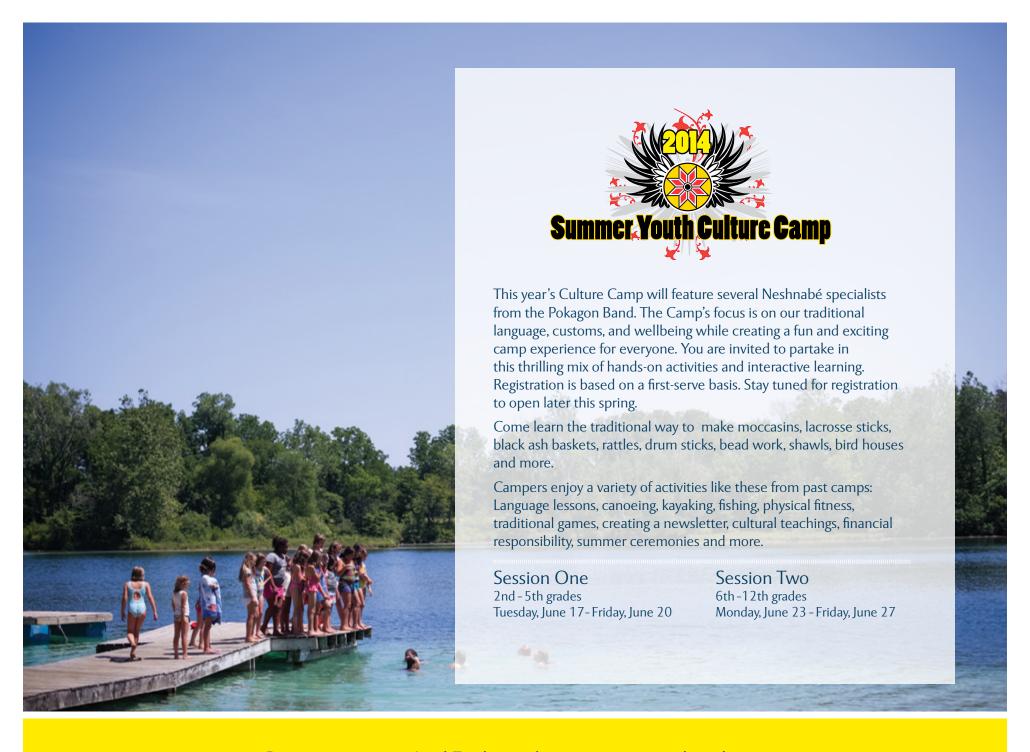
Happy 3rd Birthday from Mommy and Daddy, Rachel, Grandma, Grandpa, Aunt Lisa, Aunt Cindy, Uncle Tim, Uncle Rodney and the whole family! We love you!



Welcome **Rosalinda Downs**, born March 24, 8 lbs., 3 oz, 20 inches long. From mom Brenda Moron-Sanders and dad Zachary Downs.

Happy 9th birthday to **Kayleigh Sanders**, January 21!
Happy 7th birthday to **Aubrey Pelfrey**, February 18!
Happy 9th birthday to **Caydin Sanders**, April 11!
From your Aunt Brenda

Happy birthday to **Tommie Sanders**, March 27, to **Joaquina Avila**, May 6, and Lori Avila, April 20. Love, Brenda





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# Pokagons Represent at Gathering of Nations Pow Wow

The annual Gathering of Nations pow wow in Albuquerque, New Mexico is one of the largest pow wows in the world. More than 700 indigenous tribes from North, Central and South America are represented and over 4,000 dancers participate. Organizers estimated some 100,000 people attend.

Among all that, several Pokagons represented their tribe at 2014's event the weekend of April 26.

"We had veterans in all four grand entries carrying the Pokagon Band community eagle staff and the Pokagon Band veterans eagle staff," said Anthony Foerster. "We were two of the three eagle staffs in the grand entries. We were officially invited back to bring in our eagle staffs next year."

John T. Warren, a Pokagon drummer and singer, is a member of one of the drum groups invited to the Gathering of Nations. The group, called Crazy Spirit, placed fifth in the drum competition out of 42 entrants. Crazy Spirit is made up of other Potawatomi and Ojibwe members. According to Foerster, the veterans wanted to show support for this high

Representing the Pokagon veterans were Gayle "Rusty" Green, Carl Wesaw, Jerry Campbell, Gus Gwilt, Kenny Rader, Derek Brunell, and Foerster. They were accompanied by Kelli Wesaw, Marijke Campbell, and Lynne Foerster.







# Help Strengthen Pokagon Hunting, Fishing and Gathering Sovereignty

The Pokagon Band is taking a momentous step in the progress of the tribe's independence, and needs citizen input. The Department of Natural Resources and Tribal Police are working to establish sovereign hunting, fishing and gathering rights on Pokagon tribal land by developing the Pokagon Conservation Code.

We're kicking off this project with a Citizen Forum to discuss several topics:

- An update on, and possible changes to, the rules and
- Management of fisheries and wildlife for a healthy habitat and a sustainable and successful harvest.

- Separation from state licenses and tags.
- Currently-followed state regulations, seasons and bag

The plan is to have the Conservation Code approved by fall. Every citizen's voice is valuable! Please join in the conversation:

Pokagon Community Center | Saturday, June 14 | 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## **Youth Lacrosse Season Underway**



Pokagon youth kicked off their lacrosse season with an excursion to watch the Notre Dame mens lacrosse team play Army Saturday, May 3.

"The day was beautiful and the stadium was sold out, including the standing only sections," said Dean Orvis, youth cultural coordinator. "Notre Dame, the current ACC champion, won with a goal in the final 20 seconds."

The Notre Dame club lacrosse team helped organize the event, and offered a skills challenge and mini-scrimmage following the Army game. The challenge and scrimmage had to be postponed due to the week of rain, but all of the participants enjoyed the day.

# Tribal Development Program Supports Pokagon Employee on Road to Law Degree

Raquel Burton has been punching a timecard at the Four Winds Casino Resort since 2008, but her job title has changed with each diploma she's earned.

She began as an intern in 2008, during the Tribal Development Program (TDP)'s first year. After graduating from Ball State with a bachelor's degree in legal studies, she became the legal affairs administrator.

TDP provides paid internships at the casino to Pokagon Band citizens and spouses who are enrolled in or have completed at least one semester of college who have interest in working at the casino and developing their business skills.

"I graduated and had a job waiting for me, and that was really a result of the internship program."

That same year, Burton also gave birth to her son, James Horton. Attending law school was always her next step, but now she had to wait.

It didn't take long for the desire for law school to return, and Burton began applying.

She got her acceptance letter from Valparaiso University and started as a part-time student, still working full-time at the casino. After two years of that, she knew she wanted to finish sooner, so she switched to being a full-time student, cutting her hours at the casino. Four Winds hired another paralegal to work part-time to help Burton.

"I haven't spoken to anyone else who had such an accommodating work place," Burton said of her other classmates. "None of them could understand how I was able to do it all. It was really a testament to the program. I probably couldn't have done both work and law school if I was not working here."

Burton wasn't just balancing work and classes; she was also a single mother.

"It was very tough," she said. "My family is very supportive. If I couldn't pick him up a certain day, they would pick him up for me. It was a family support system that really helped me with that aspect. Took a village."

In December, Burton graduated law school, but her studying wasn't over just yet. The bar exam was two months away, the grueling test that determined if she could practice what she'd been studying for the past three and a half years.

She took a personal leave of absence—for all of February. The casino again supported her.

"They've been wonderful as far as accommodating me and my schedule, and helped me get through it," she

Burton passed the Michigan bar exam and is now the director of compliance at Four Winds.

"It was really tough, but it's worth it," Burton said.



"Now it's over with, and I can say I did it." Burton can breathe easy for a while, but her life will continue to change, just not in anymore academic ways.

"I'm kind of at the point in my life now where my next step will probably be planning around where I'm going to settle with my family, if my family's

going to grow," she said. "Now that I've gotten my academic stuff done, I'm going to be focused more on my family life."

Burton's boyfriend, Shanon Buari, also just graduated from law school, but he is studying for the Indiana bar exam.

"I love this job, and I'll stay here as long as it's feasible with my family goals."

# Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Pokégnek Yajdanawa is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in Pokegnek Yajdanawa. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the fourteenth of each month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

# One Story | Ngot Yajmowen Event Focuses on Legal Themes



In *The Round House*, the One Story community reading project's 2014 book choice, the plot asks how a Native American woman can get physically attacked

and almost killed, yet the attacker goes unpunished. The latest event in the year-long program invited community members to discuss that question along with other legal loopholes Thursday, May 8 at the Pokagon Community Center.

Pokagon Band attorney Annette Nickel gave a heartfelt and informative presentation about the issues at hand, combining real-world law with the plot and characters of *The Round House*.

"Those of us in attendance were amazed by what we were hearing," said Kristie Bussler, Education Department staffer and one of the One Story organizers. "We had many questions and observations to discuss; she took complicated and multi-layered matters and explained them in a way that was easy to grasp, although not always easy to accept."

Once again, a signed copy of *The Round House* was raffled. The winner was Clarise Murphy of Dowagiac. Although One Story 2014 is still in progress, plans are beginning for 2015. Keep visiting www. OneStoryRead.com for details.

# **Pokagons Meet with Michigan and Indiana Governors**

In the span of one week in May, Pokagon leaders met with the governors of both Indiana and Michigan. Tribal Council member Steve Winchester joined nine leaders from Michigan's tribal nations gathered to discuss issues important to the state and the native governments with Governor Rick Snyder on May 12 in Mt. Pleasant. Later that week Pokagons joined Governor Mike Pence at the dedication of the new Trine State Recreation Area at Pokagon State Park in Angola, Indiana on May 15. Winchester gifted two books about the Pokagon Band to each governor.

At the tribal-state summit in Michigan, one of topics stressed was human trafficking and its effects on Native Americans. Several tribal leaders sought better communication with the state government on such topics as the Pure Michigan tourism campaign, Obamacare, tuition waivers, and natural resources protection.

The ceremony at Pokagon State Park included a greeting from Council member at Large Steve Winchester and a traditional Potawatomi blessing from Pokagon elder and veteran Roger Williams. The Pokagon flag waved behind each speaker, beginning with Dan Bortner, the director of Indiana State

Parks and Reservoirs. Several others spoke, including Governor Pence, who reflected on the importance of parks. The ceremony ended with the unveiling of the Trine Recreation Area plaque and the official ribbon cutting that signified the recreation area's grand opening. Winchester and Williams both participated in the ribbon cutting, alongside the governor and all others involved.

Other Pokagon Band tribal members in attendance with Governor Pence were the Director of Language and Culture Conrad Church, the chair and secretary of the Senior Youth Council respectively Colin Church and Cassondra Church, veterans Jerry Campbell and Anthony Foerster, and Foerster's daughter Arryn.

# Seeking Pokagon Art for Tribal Buildings

The tribal government wants to purchase art work created by Pokagon citizens or spouses for display in present and future Pokagon buildings.

If interested, please submit art work and a portfolio, if available, for consideration. The submission should include the piece's detailed description, your name, tribal ID number (or the spouse's), contact information and the price to Melissa Rodriguez, Box 180, Dowagiac, MI 49047 or Melissa.Rodriguez@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

All information must be submitted no later than June 30, with selected pieces available for delivery no later than October 31, 2014.

Please feel free to contact Melissa Rodriguez at (269) 462-4203 if you have any questions.

# Chi Ishobak Prepping to Provide Financial Workshops Online

Chi Ishobak will soon be offering its popular Financial Wellness curriculum in another setting: online. Chi Ishobak was recently awarded a grant through Key Bank to support efforts in the area of personal financial education. The new online module will allow Pokagon citizens access to this vital information that normally do not have access to the workshops that Chi Ishobak conducts in Dowagiac.

"As far as opportunity goes for Pokagon citizens, this is huge!" Chi Ishobak Executive Director, Sean Winters said, "Offering this information to as many citizens as possible has always been the goal, now it's becoming a reality."

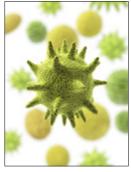
The new online module will provide the same experience as the current financial workshops offer. The only difference is that you will not have to travel

to Dowagiac if you'd have a lengthy commute. "The current Financial Wellness curriculum will incorporate a few changes for the new online module." Winters added, "We are hoping to have a finished product by late 2014 or early 2015."

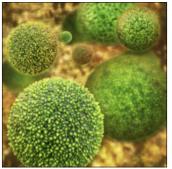
If you would like more information regarding Chi Ishobak's Financial Wellness Program, please feel free to contact Chi Ishobak at your convenience.

Chi Ishobak, Inc. 415 E. Prairie Ronde St. Dowagiac, MI 49047 (269) 783-4157 sean.winters@chiishobak.org www.chiishobak.org

# Be in the Know about Seasonal and Perennial Allergies







# By Liz Leffler, community health nurse

It seems this spring people are suffering more from allergies than usual. Allergies can affect people of all ages, and if severe can become a serious issue.

A seasonal allergy is an allergic reaction to a trigger that is typically only present for part of the year. The trigger can be pollen from trees, weeds and grasses. Pollen is spread by the wind or by insects. Pollen can land in a person's nose, eyes, lungs, and skin to set up an allergic reaction. It is important to pinpoint the cause of the allergy and avoid it if possible. Plant pollen that travels via the wind is usually the main cause of seasonal allergies. Pollen can travel long distances and it can vary in the amount in the air from day to day and hour to hour.

Grass pollen is usually the worst in the spring and summer. You may notice that grass pollen causes increased reaction when someone has just cut the grass or if a person is lying in the grass. Contact with grass may cause itching or hives. Weed pollen is usually the main cause of allergies in the late summer and fall. Most of the time seasonal allergies can be controlled by trying to decrease your exposure to the allergen.

Seasonal allergies are sometimes referred to as hay fever. Symptoms of seasonal allergies include sneezing, runny nose, nasal congestion, itching of the nose, and post-nasal drip. Allergies can include eye allergies, hay fever, or allergic asthma. Not all people experience all of

the symptoms of hay fever, and in some people, only one symptom will predominate. It may be difficult to tell the difference between seasonal allergies and the common cold, and only an allergist may be able to tell the difference.

Here are some suggestions that may help:

- Keep windows closed prevent pollen from drifting into your home.
- Minimize early morning activity when pollen is usually emitted, between 5 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- Keep your car windows closed when traveling.
- Stay indoors when the pollen count is reported to be high, and on windy days when pollen may be present in higher amounts in the air.
- Take a vacation during the height of the pollen season to a more pollen-free area, such as the beach or sea.
- Avoid mowing the lawn and freshly cut grass.
- Machine-dry bedding and clothing. Pollen may collect in laundry if it is hung outside to dry.

Perennial allergies, on the other hand, are usually present year-round, and include allergens such as pet dander and house dust mite. Molds can be a seasonal or perennial allergy trigger. Again the key is to identify the allergy causing agent and try to eliminate it or decrease the exposure to the allergen.

You may want to try these home remedies and treatments for allergies:

- Use a cool mist humidifier in the room where you spend the most time.
- Breathe in steam vapors. You can either run
  the shower and sit in the bathroom or breathe
  deeply. The steam vapors may help reduce
  congested and swollen nasal passages.
- Apply warm heat to your sinus area. This can be done by using a warm wash cloth.
- Flush out your sinuses with salt water to clear out mucus and other debris and keep your sinuses moist. There are a number of ways to do it, ranging from bulb syringes and Neti pots to pricey irrigation systems. Use distilled, sterile, or previously boiled water to make up the irrigation solution. It's also important to rinse the irrigation device after each use and leave open to air dry.
- Drink lots of water.
- Rest when you can.
- Don't overuse over the counter medications.

If home remedies do not help, please contact your health care provider today about medications that may help with your seasonal or perennial allergies.

#### Kick the Habit: Become a Former Smoker



We have options to help Pokagon citizens, their spouses and staff. Talk to your Pokagon health care provider or contact the Pokagon pharmacy at (269) 782-4570. Or consider joining one of the upcoming Freedom from Smoking classes:

Start Date	Time	Quit Date	Finish Date	Location
June 10	Noon	July I	July 22	Administration
June 25	6 p.m.	July 16	August 6	Community Center
July 29	Noon	August 21	September 9	Administration
August 13	6 p.m.	September 3	September 24	To be determined

Traditional Use. Not Abuse.



# Frequent Contract Health Services Questions Answered

## QUESTION: Why are Indian descendants not eligible for CHS?

**Answer:** Indian descendants may be eligible if they meet certain conditions. Such individuals must live within the Contract Health Services delivery area, or more specifically the ten-county service area, for the Pokagon Band.

# QUESTION: Are Indians eligible for direct care also automatically eligible for CHS?

**Answer:** No. In order to receive CHS, Indian beneficiaries must also meet the CHS eligibility requirements.

# QUESTION: If I am eligible for CHS, why are some of my medical bills being paid and others not?

**Answer:** Each visit to a non-IHS health care provider and the associated medical bill is distinct and must be examined individually to determine CHS eligibility. All CHS requirements must be met for each episode (treatment) of care. A patient must meet residency, notification, medical priority of care and use of alternate resources requirements to be eligible for CHS. Example: If a CHS authorization is issued, IHS will pay the first medical treatment. Follow up care or additional medical care is to be done at the nearest accessible IHS or tribal facility or will require approval with a new CHS authorization. If this process is not followed, the patient may be responsible for the expense.

# QUESTION: An IHS doctor refers me to a specialist, why am I being held responsible for the bill?

**Answer:** Referrals are not a guarantee for payment. Referral is a recommendation for treatment/test only. The CHS program must review the referral to make the determination for IHS approval of payment. All CHS eligibility requirements must also be met.

# QUESTION: If a student/transient is covered under CHS, are the student/transient's dependents also covered?

**Answer:** Yes, dependents may be covered for CHS up to 180 days if they were eligible for CHS at their original (home) CHSDA. Continued CHS eligibility is not a requirement after 180 days.

# QUESTION: Where in the regulation does it state we have to follow medical priorities?

Answer: See 42 C.F.R. 136.23(e), Priorities for contract health services.

QUESTION: Children in foster care are eligible for CHS, but are they provided health care for all medical priorities, or only what the program is operating at?

**Answer:** Foster children are eligible on the same basis as other eligible Indians, including meeting the same standards for medical priority.

# QUESTION: Can a CHS Program establish a cap on certain procedures, such as dental procedures, eyeglasses, etc.?

**Answer:** No. If a health service is within medical priorities CHS must pay for the full amount of the service.

# QUESTION: If we are guaranteed health care from our treaties for as long the water flows and the grass grows, why are Indians required to apply for AR?

**Answer:** While some treaties mention health care, the Indian Health Service is not an entitlement program, and therefore funding for CHS is not guaranteed by the federal government. AR allows CHS funds to be conserved, thereby providing health care for more Indian beneficiaries.

# QUESTION: How does a CHS Program determine if a client has established residency? Does the program rely on program policy or tribal policy when it comes to determining residency on a reservation?

**Answer:** Residency it determined by both the physical presence of an individual in a location combined with the intent of the individual to remain there permanently.

# No Fish Tale: Families Enjoy 3rd Annual Fishing Tournament







Pokagon families came out to Gage Street Lake May 10 to enjoy the setting and have fun at the Family Fishing Tournament. The Bass Masters truck and boat made an appearance, and their fishing pro helped kids learn to tie knots needed for fishing and boating. Polly Mitchell, from the Department of Education, played a matching game with participants. "They had to identify the five fish typically found

in the lake," she said. "And if they could do that, we made it harder: players had to name the state fishing regulations for each of the fish. Everyone had a good time; it was a real family day for all ages." Congratulations to Ken Rader who won the grand prize: a charter fishing trip for four on Lake Michigan.

## Pokagon Youth Rise Above the Influence

A group of Pokagon youth made the trek to Grand Rapids Friday, May 2 for the Kent County Rise Above the Influence Youth Summit. The event welcomed one thousand students from surrounding schools and native tribes, and challenged them to think critically about personal choices and future ambitions.

"Our junior youth participated in the event and our senior youth acted as volunteers for the event," said Dean Orivs, youth cultural coordinator. "The Senior Youth Council also worked with the Gun Lake tribe to host a leadership seminar on Thursday evening for our junior youth and the Gun Lake youth."

The kids heard from motivational speakers about underage substance use and misuse, and the power teens have to impact peers, family, community and the world by making a commitment to live above the influence.



From the bleachers in the Grand Valley State University field house, Pokagon teens cheer on a speaker giving a presentation below on the track.

# College Students: Be Aware of Rental Assistance Deadline

If you are going back to school for the fall 2014 semester, please don't forget to turn in all the following documents by Friday, October 17:

- Verification of Income
- Full Time School Schedule
- Previous Semester Grades
- Full Time Student Verification Form, available at www.pokagonband-nsn. gov/government/housing-and-facilities/rental-programs/student-temporaryhousing-assistance-program, which needs to be filled out by your college/ university and you.
- New Lease or Dorm Agreement

The documents must be delivered by October 17 or you will not be able to receive assistance for the fall semester, but can reapply next semester. Please e-mail, fax or mail the documents to the Housing Department, and contact Megan Rick or Lisa Johnson with questions.

Phone: (269)462-4251 or (269)783-0443

E-mail: Megan.Rick@pokagonband-nsn.gov or Lisa.Johnson@pokagonband-

Fax: (269)783-0452 or (269)462-4274

Mail:

P.O. Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

# **Project LAUNCH Seeking Parents for Advisory Group**

# By JT Laraway, Young Child Wellness Coordinator



The Pokagon Band Department of Social Services is currently seeking individuals who may be interested in serving in an advisory capacity for the Project LAUNCH team. LAUNCH stands for Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children. The project is funded through a federal grant to focus on social, emotional, and behavioral health of Pokagon children from birth through age eight.

Any caregiver (biological parent, grandparent, foster, or adoptive parent) of a Pokagon child up to the age eight is invited to join the Project LAUNCH Advisory Group.

Monthly meetings are expected to begin in June

2014 and will consist of special presentations covering different aspects of Project LAUNCH for parents/caregivers to analyze and provide constructive criticism.

In an effort to make participation in the Project LAUNCH Parent Advisory Group as parent friendly as possible, childcare services, snacks, and mileage reimbursement will be provided for all meetings.

Interested individuals should email Micky Martin at michaelina.martin@gmail. com or JT Laraway at John.laraway@pokagonband-nsn.gov or call (269) 462-4450.

The Pokagon Band of Potawatom Department of Language and Culture invites you to

# **Experience Drummond Island this Summer** July 9 - 13, 2014

**Great Lakes Traditional Arts Gathering** 

# The deadline, June 20 at 5:00 p.m., is approaching fast.

Eligibility includes attending 10 language classes between April and June 2014, if you live in the service area. Classes are held in Dowagiac, South Bend, Hartford, and Hopkins.

Youth must attend Youth Council meetings in person or through Skype through June and receive their community service hours set by the youth cultural coordinator

You must also attend at least five community events sponsored by the Department of Language and Culture before the end of June 2014.

If you feel you are on target for meeting the requirement please call the Department of Language and Culture and talk to Nicole Holloway to verify your eligibility. She will then mail you a registration packet that must be completed and sent back to reserve your spot. Space is limited, so don't delay.

Questions? Please contact the Department of Language and Culture (269) 462-4325.

# **ATTENTION: Pokagon Band College Bound Students**

The Michigan Indian Elders Association are once again offering two award programs this year.

For the college bound student: Winners are selected by a panel of judges. You have the chance to receive a \$500 to 1,000.00 scholarship. Students must complete the application form, available at the Pokagon Band Education office, and submit it with required documentation.

The deadline for application of this program is June 20, 2014.

Applications for the program is available at MichiganIndianElders.org.

Eligible Language & Culture events: 14 weeks of language (held in Hopkins, Dowagiac, Hartford & South Bend), 14 weeks of drum class (held in Dowagiac, Hartford, and coming to Hopkins). 3 Youth Council meetings, May 26 (8 am) Veterans Parade in downtown Dowagiac by Harding's, May 31 (10 am) Lacrosse Tournament at Rogers lake, June 1 Mini Olympics time & location TBA, June 17–20 Culture Camp (2nd grade–5th), June 23–27 Culture Camp (6th grade –12th)

# **Bent Tree Market Celebrates Customers June 16–20**

Come in to Bent Tree Market, 58878 M-51 South, in Dowagiac for these Customer Appreciation Week specials:

- Grand Prize drawing
- Daily giveaways
- Daily specials
- Free hot dogs on the grill Tuesday, June 17, 11 am 7 pm
- Free popcorn all week

The Bent Tree Market is owned by Mno-Bmadsen, the Pokagon Band's nongaming economic development entity.

# Pokagon Elders Planning Trip to Mall of America September 8-10

Join Pokagon Elders for a shopping trip to the Mall of America! Only elders are eligible to participate in this trip. The spouse of an elder may accompany the elder on the trip, regardless of whether the spouse is a citizen or an elder. Following the policy of the random drawing, you will be put on a participant list or an alternate list. If you are a single person, you will be paired with another person to share a double room. Spouses will be together in their room.

All elders will receive a mailing detailing the registration, itinerary, and the agenda of the trip, including times and locations. Please keep your addresses up dated with the enrollment office, and do not call Elders Hall.

# **Pokagon Presentations at NIGA**





"Our design team focused on every single cultural detail, and they're passionate about what they do; it shows in their designs." Rick Gardner, Hnedak Bobo Group

Chairman John Warren and Four Winds Casinos Chief Operating Officer Matt Harkness presented a workshop at the National Indian Gaming Association conference about the experience developing Four Winds Hartford. Called "Mitigating the Risk of a Casino Expansion," the session featured Rick Gardner of Hnedak Bobo Group, the architects who helped plan and design the property, and Kristi Jackson, of Tribal Financial Advisors.

They shared with attendees how they worked together to expand economic development efforts for the tribe. Each touched on important elements of this: effective collaboration and planning, cultural aspects and details, and Pokagon citizen career development and training. They hoped it was helpful to other native nations and their initiatives.

# 2013 Reading Program Celebrated



On April 26 at the Rodgers Lake Pavilion the Department of Education celebrated the finale to A Nation that Reads 2013 reading program. Those in attendance enjoyed playing games and eating pizza and ice cream.

Twenty-nine families with 105 readers helped us reach the goal of reading 2013 books. The Heath family read 299 books and won a Barnes & Noble gift card for their part in reaching that goal.

T-shirts and gift cards were mailed to those who could not attend. Thank you to all!

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# A Healthy Step with Education

Saturday, June 21, 2014 | 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**Community Center** 









he Health Services and Education departments invite you to the third annual A Healthy Step with Education. Anyone involved in those departments and all Pokagons and their families are welcome! The day will be filled with educational activities, health screenings, and more:

- PreK-12 program registration (requires a parent or guardian's
- signature) Vision and hearing
- screenings • LEGO table
- Drumming
- Smoke house with area fire departments
- Ambulance
- Free haircuts
- Face painting Cultural craft
- Bounce House
- Free massages
- Cultural teachings
- Lunch
- Prizes
- And much more

Please come and join in the fun.

Questions? Contact Liz Leffler at (269) 462-4406 or Susan Doyle at (269) 782-0887.



Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Tribal Court Notice**

This *Notice* was mailed to the Respondent on April 22, 2014 by first class mail to both of the Respondent's known addresses. Both Notices were returned by the U.S. Postal Service on April 29, 2014 with a Return to Sender label that stated "Not Deliverable as addressed, unable to forward." The Court has approved the publication of this Notice because there is no valid address.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COURT NOTICE BY PUBLICATION CASE NO. 14-2684-PCDCS 58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047 Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

#### **NOTICE OF**

# (1) ORDER TO STAY DISTRIBUTIONS OF PER CAPITA PAYMENTS; AND

# (2) PETITION/AFFIDAVIT TO WITHHOLD PER CAPITA PAYMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT

To: Brandon Jacob Allen Rybolt Respondent's Name

- 1. Notice is hereby given that a Petition/Affidavit to Withhold Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support was filed with the Tribal Court on April 21, 2014.
- 2. Tribal law mandates that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy **delinquent** court-ordered child support. **See** Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.
- 3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. **See** 28 USC § 1738B, Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act.
- 4. An *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been entered by the Court against your payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for distributions of per capita payments.
- 5. An Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support shall be entered by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the:
  - a. RECOGNITION of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6; or
  - b. ENFORCEMENT of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 7.
- 6. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the **recognition** of the foreign court order with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that the:
  - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
  - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
- 7. Unless you file an objection to the **enforcement** of the foreign court order, an *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* will apply ALL of your per capita payments to satisfy the **delinquent** court-ordered child support in each case until such time as the **delinquent** child support obligations are satisfied, or until further order of this Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that:
- a. you do not owe a DELINQUENT child support obligation; or
- b. redirection of all of your per capita payments would create an EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP to your health or general welfare.
- 8. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* should not be granted by this Court.

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#### **NOTICE OF**

# (1) ORDER TO STAY DISTRIBUTIONS OF PER CAPITA PAYMENTS; AND

# (2) PETITION/AFFIDAVIT TO WITHHOLD PER CAPITA PAYMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT

To: Austin Scott Antisdel Respondent's Name

- 1. Notice is hereby given that a *Petition/Affidavit to Withhold Per Capita Payments* for *Delinquent Child Support* was filed with the Tribal Court on April 29, 2014.
- 2. Tribal law **mandates** that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy **delinquent** court-ordered child support. **See** Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.
- 3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. **See** 28 USC § 1738B, Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act.
- 4. An *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been entered by the Court against your payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for distributions of per capita payments.
- 5. An Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support shall be entered by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the:
  - a. RECOGNITION of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6; or
  - b. ENFORCEMENT of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 7.
- 6. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the **recognition** of the foreign court order with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that the:
  - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
  - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
- 7. Unless you file an objection to the **enforcement** of the foreign court order, an *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* will apply ALL of your per capita payments to satisfy the **delinquent** court-ordered child support in each case until such time as the **delinquent** child support obligations are satisfied, or until further order of this Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that:
- a. you do not owe a DELINQUENT child support obligation; or
- b. redirection of all of your per capita payments would create an EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP to your health or general welfare.
- 8. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* should not be granted by this Court.

#### **Tribal Court Notice**

Prior mailings to Respondent's known addresses were returned by the U.S. Postal Service marked "unable to forward/not deliverable as addressed/return to sender." The Court has approved the publication of this Notice because the Court does not have a valid address for the Respondent.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COURT NOTICE BY PUBLICATION CASE NO. 14-2640-PCDCS 58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047 Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

#### **NOTICE OF**

- (1) ORDER TO STAY DISTRIBUTIONS OF PER CAPITA PAYMENTS; AND
- (2) PETITION/AFFIDAVIT TO WITHHOLD PER CAPITA PAYMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT

To: Krystin Marie Liska Respondent's Name

- 1. Notice is hereby given that a *Motion to Update Delinquent Child Support Obligation* was filed with the Tribal Court on May 20, 2014 in the above-referenced matter.
- 2. Tribal law **mandates** that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy **delinquent** court-ordered child support. **See** Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.
- 3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. **See** 28 USC § 1738B, Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act.
- 4. The current order to withhold and redirect per capita payments for delinquent child support remains in full force and effect.
- 5. An Order Updating Delinquent Child Support Obligation will be entered by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the recognition of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed below.
- 6. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the **recognition** of the foreign court order with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that the:
  - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
  - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
- 7. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* should not be granted by this Court.

Tribal Council resolution has closed all portions of the Band's Gage Street and Rodgers Lake properties beginning at 1 p.m. and ending at 5 p.m. on June 18–19 and June 24–25.

# Youth Councils Have Own Gathering Space



Pokagon Youth Councils now have their own hang out. The newly renovated Gage Street barn is a place Pokagon teens can call their own with comfy couches, TVs and a beautiful setting. Above, the Junior Youth Council is participating in a Potawatomi language lesson taught by fellow youth council member Wasnoday Pamp, who lives in Wisconsin currently, studying Potawatomi with his mom, a Pokagon language apprentice, and fluent speakers.

# Pokagon Business Owners: Help Us Update Citizen Business Directory

Chi Ishobak is still working to update the 2012 Citizen Business Directory. Please contact Chi Ishobak if you:

- 1. Would like to update our business information.
- 2. Would like to list your business if not currently listed.
- 3. Know of a tribal business that may be interested in being listed.

Regardless of industry or market, if you would like your Pokagon owned business to be listed in the Citizen Business Directory, please submit the following information:

- Business name
- Pokagon owner's name
- Business address
- Business phone number
- Business email
- Business Website
- Business description

Please send all information to:

Chi Ishobak, Inc. 415 E. Prairie Ronde St. Dowagiac, MI 49047 (269) 783-4157 sean.winters@chiishobak.org www.chiishobak.org

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Pokagonek Edawat Village Annual Garage Sale EDU Career Development and Job Search Assistance L&C Regalia 101 Class Mini Olympics	L&C Elders Language Class  Auricular Acupuncture  Zumba  Yoga  L&C Gun Lake Adult Language Class	Lean Lunch L&C Dowagiac Language Class (7) L&C Class Early Start Language (7) Red Road to Recovery Group	Zumba L&C Hartford Lar L&C South Bend I Drumming L&C Gun Lake You
L&C Regalia 101 Class	L&C Elders Language Class  Auricular Acupuncture  Zumba  Yoga  L&C Gun Lake Adult Language Class	Lean Lunch L&C Dowagiac Language Class (8) L&C Class Early Start Language (8) Red Road to Recovery Group	Zumba L&C Hartford Lar L&C Dowagiac Men L&C Gun Lake You
Four Winds Invitational 5K and Fun Run	L&C Elders Language Class Auricular Acupuncture Zumba Yoga L&C Gun Lake Adult Language Class	Assisted Living Facility Focus Group  Lean Lunch  L&C Dowagiac Language Class (9)  L&C Early Start Language Class (9)  Red Road to Recovery Group	Junior Golf Clinic Healthy Lunch Pres Zumba L&C Hartford Lar L&C Gun Lake You Golfing on the Gr
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# "Healing the Scars" Mt. Pleasant Boarding School Trip Planned



The Veterans and Youth Councils will be participating in the annual boarding school remembrance ceremony in Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

This ceremony honors those who were sent to the boarding school and remembers the many children who died while attending the school.

The "Honoring, Healing & Remembering" ceremony happens the same day every year to commemorate the last operational day of the boarding school: June 6, 1934.

If you would like to partake in this healing ceremony please contact one of our veterans or the Department of Language and Culture at: (269) 462-4325

# Language and Culture Seeking Adults to Share Skills with Youth

Do you have skills and energy to share with Pokagon youth? The Department of Language and Culture is compiling a pool of background-screened adults who could be on call to volunteer with our youth programming. If you hunt, fish, garden or gather; if you can teach art, drumming or another cultural talent; if you can coach lacrosse, basketball, or baseball, our kids and our tribe needs you. Some opportunities will be paid, others are volunteer. Contact the Language & Culture department (269) 462–4325 for more information.



You are invited to celebrate the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education

# High School Graduates Class of 2014

Friday, June 20 Pokagon Band Community Center 27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac, MI

> 5:00 p.m. Refreshments 6:00 p.m. Dinner

Hosted by Department of Education Kindly R.S.V.P. to Connie Baber (269) 782-0887 or connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov

# **Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee Announces Annual T-shirt Design Contest**



The Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Contest Pow Wow Committee is seeking submissions for the 2014 t-shirt designs. All submissions from any Native artist enrolled in a federally-recognized tribe will be accepted. The artist that creates the winning design for the pow wow T-shirts will be awarded \$500.

#### How to Enter

- 1. Entries must be submitted by email to Beth.Salman@PokagonBand-nsn.gov. The entries may be submitted in PDF format, 6"x 6", no more than 4 colors, 300 dpi and text layers, if included, must be separate from artwork. However, a vector file with layers in EPS format is preferred.
- 2. The email must include the name, contact information and email address of the entrant.
- 3. The deadline for entries is July 1, 2014.
- 4. We will attempt to acknowledge all entries within one week of receipt; however, we cannot be responsible for entries or responses lost in e-mail.
- 5. There is no fee to enter the contest.

#### Judging and Selection of Winner

- 1. The winning design will be selected by the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow committee. Their decision will be final.
- 2. The Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow committee reserves the right not to select a winner if, in its sole discretion, no suitable entries are received.

# Intellectual Property

- 1. All submitted work must be original and not based on any pre-existing design.
- 2. All entries will become the sole property of the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow and it may reproduce, distribute, publish, display, edit, modify, create derivative works and otherwise use the material for any purpose in any form and on any media.

Any questions or for more information, please contact Beth Salman at the email above or call (269) 462-4284 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

## **Pokagon Health Services Announces Extended Hours**

The Pokagon Health Clinic will offer extended hours once a week each Thursday evening starting January 9, 2014. Should extended hours become a big hit, staff will look at adding extended hours on more days of the week.

Thursday night extended hours will go until 7:00 p.m., but transportation won't be offered. Please call (269) 782-4141 for appointments during extended hours, or if you have any questions.

# Notice of Open Alternate Position | Pokagon Bodéwadmik Ogitchedaw

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Bodéwadmik Ogitchedaw Code ("Code") established the Pokagon Bode'wadmik Ogitchedaw as a subordinate committee ("Organization") of the Tribal Council. The purpose of the Organization is, among other things, to promote and celebrate the Ogitchedaw, honor the past Ogitchedaw and preserve honor for the future Ogitchedaw, as well as to consult with the Council regarding policies, programs, and concerns regarding the Ogitchedaw. Under the Code, the Organization is governed and managed by a Board of Directors ("Board"). The Tribal Council will soon be making two appointments to the Board and both appointments are for three year terms of office. The following positions will be available for appointment: Historian and Quartermaster. The Pokagon Band is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens interested in seeking appointment to the Board..

**ELIGIBILITY.** In order to be eligible for appointment to the Board, the Code requires that a Pokagon Band citizen must:

- 1. Is at least 18 years of age,
- 2. Possesses a discharge other than dishonorable from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Air Force, National Guard, or Reserves of the United States, or is currently serving in the National Guard or any branch of the United States military reserves; provided, however, that if one has a dishonorable discharge, he or she may be admitted at the discretion of the Board upon <sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> majority approval.

In order to be admitted as a member of the Organization, an eligible Pokagon Band Citizen must submit a completed application and such applicant must be approved for membership by the Board. An application for membership in the Organization may be obtained by contacting Rusty Green at (317) 691-0086 or at Glgreen27@ comcast.net. Completed applications must be filed with the Board. Completed applications are processed and placed before the Board for approval.

The Board of Directors encourages all eligible Pokagon Band Citizens to seek membership in the Organization.

**COMPENSATION.** The Board members are independent contractors and paid at rates established by the Council for their service on the Board. Currently, the Historian and Quartermaster positions are each paid \$150 per Board meeting. In addition, Board members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend Board meetings.

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** Appointments to the Board are made by the Tribal Council. Before any Pokagon Band citizen is appointed to serve on the Board, the Tribal Council will verify a potential appointee meets the qualifications mentioned above for appointment. Anyone not meeting the eligibility requirements shall not be considered for appointment to the Board.

All persons who wish to be considered for appointment must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the written statements of interest of those seeking appointment to the Board; provided the Tribal Council may waive this requirement for good cause. The Tribal Council has not yet established the meeting date at which it will review the written statements of interest of those seeking appointment to the Board.

**HOW TO APPLY.** If you are interested in serving on the Board, you must provide a written statement of interest with your qualifications and your name, address, and telephone number. All such information should be provided to:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indian Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary P.O. Box 180 Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Board pursuant to any previous posting, but were not appointed, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Board, you must reapply as provided in this Notice.

**QUESTIONS.** For additional information or if you have questions concerning the Organization or the Board, please contact Rusty Green at (317) 691-0086 or at Glgreen27@comcast.net. A copy of the Code is available at the Band's website at http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances..

**ETHICS REQUIREMENTS.** As Public Officials, Board members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained from the Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

**DEADLINE.** Please provide your written statement of interest as soon as possible. Anyone interested in being appointed to the Board must provide their written statement of interest no later than 4:00 pm, Friday, June 27, 2014.



# FINANCIAL WELLNESS WORKSHOP

Saturday, June 7 | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

CHI ISHOBAK - CONFERENCE ROOM 415 E. Prairie Ronde Street, Dowagiac, MI 49047

CHI ISHOBAK AND THE POKAGON BAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING HAVE COLLABORATED TO INTRODUCE A NEW FINANCIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR POKAGON BAND CITIZENS.

MORE THAN JUST INFORMATION, THIS PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO IDENTIFY FINANCIAL BEHAVIORS AND THE CULTURAL RELEVANCE ASSOCIATED WITH THEM. THIS WORKSHOP WILL COVER FIVE KEY AREAS THAT ADDRESS THE BASIC ASPECTS OF PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND PROVIDE PARTICIPANTS WITH THE TOOLS AND PROCESSES TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR FINANCIAL HEALTH. THESE AREAS INCLUDE: SAVINGS, COMMUNICATION, BUDGETING, DEBT, AND PURCHASE BEHAVIORS.

- Lunch will be provided
- There is no registration fee
- Please call to confirm attendance

For more information, please contact Сні Ізновак, Sean Winters at (269) 783-4157 or at sean.winters@chiishobak.org



Chi Ishobak (pronounced Chee Ish-o-bock), means "Big Cabbage" and is the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi's Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). Chi Ishobak provides Pokagon citizens with access to affordable capital for the purposes of business start-up or expansion and individual financial development through education-based lending services.

- COMMERCIAL LOANS
- CONSUMER LOANS
- INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS
- FINANCIAL EDUCATION

For questions and additional information regarding Chi Ishobak, please contact:
Sean Winters — Executive Director
(269) 783-4157
sean.winters@chiishobak.org
www.chiishobak.org

# **Presenters Wanted for Cultural Workshops**

The Department of Social Services is looking for female presenters to run small, monthly cultural presentations and workshops. We ask that you focus your presentation on healthy relationships, respect, and the importance of women in the community. All presenters will be paid for up to two hours of work, in addition to mileage and supply reimbursement.

If you have any additional questions or are interested in getting involved please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or via email at casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

# All Pokagon Veterans Invited

Come and join us! We have now scheduled two meetings a month:

- First Thursday of each month, 2:00 p.m., Community Center, Dowagiac
- Second Saturday of each month (after Council meetings), at 2:00 p.m., Community Center, Dowagiac

Look for updates on our Pokagon website, via e-mails or our own Facebook page: The Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans.

Hope to see you there!!

#### **Riddle**

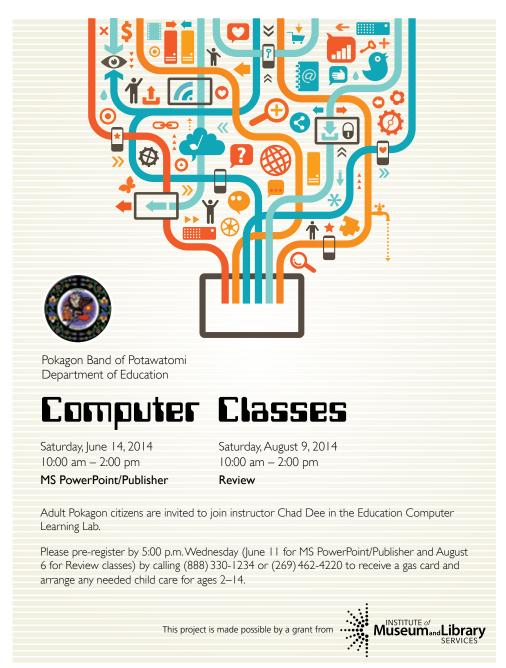
Last month's riddle winner is Lake Serba, who answered "It's not a bird though feathered, and it has a mobile nest. It's quick in flight and having flown, it always stops to rest!"

Mail in or e-mail your correct answer to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov in the Department of Education and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card. Another way to win is to mail or e-mail your own riddle and the person whose riddle is selected for the next newsletter will win a gift card.

Liz Serba submitted a new riddle and she has also won a gift card. Check it out:

# Tear one off and scratch my head, what once was red is black instead. What am I?

Mail or e-mail your correct answer to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov in the Department of Education and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card. Another way to win is to mail or e-mail your own riddle; the person whose riddle is selected for the next newsletter will win a gift card.





Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education

# **Career Workshop**

Saturday, July 12 10:00 am – 2:00pm Saturday, September 13 10:00 am – 2:00pm

Gateways to Employment

Changing Careers: Reinventing Oneself

Adult Pokagon citizens are invited to join instructor Lanre Ajayi in the Education Training Room. We will provide adult tribal citizens with child care, gas cards to cover transportation to and from workshop, and a \$30 gift card to the movies. Treat yourself after doing something good for your future!

As space and child care assistance is limited, please pre-register by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior (July 10 and September 10) at (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220.

This project is made possible by a grant from ••••••



# **Apprentice Program Contact Changed**

Carpenters apprentices and those interested in the apprenticeship program: Traci Henslee, workforce training and resource specialist, is the new contact for the apprenticeship program. You can reach her at traci.henslee@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4227.

# Community Benefiting from Bodewédmi LAUNCH Consortium







Project LAUNCH consortium intends to build a strong system of care for Potawatomi children and families throughout Southwest Michigan and Northern Indiana. This cooperative agreement, which includes Nottawaseppi Huron Band, Pokagon Band and Gun Lake Tribe, received substantial funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to provide assistance to families with children from birth to age eight. Partnerships between Pokagon Department of Social Services, Health Services, Behavioural Health and Head Start mean increased and enhanced services for children in our community.

LAUNCH staff recently attended a national training workshop with other grantees from across the country. The Bodéwadmi LAUNCH Consortium is the only consortium to receive this funding out of more than 38 awards to state, local and tribal governments across the county.

Head Start staff and LAUNCH staff are learning the Family Connections model to provide wellness consultation for Head Start staff and families. Through the Reach Out and Read Program Pokagon children receive books at the Health

Clinic. Eight families have received additional information about parenting skills and training from our Triple P program over the past few months. Triple P stands for Positive Parenting Program, and it has been proven to help parents build strong family relationships, manage child misbehaviour and prevent problems from occurring in the first place. Parenting can be tough; Triple P is designed to provide simple, practical strategies that parents and caregivers can adapt to fit with their personal values. Additional groups will be offered at Pokagon Department of Social Services over the next year. Parents who participate will attend four group sessions and then follow up with a Triple P facilitator by phone for three weeks. There is no cost to attend.

If you are interested in learning more about Triple P or have questions or comments about Project LAUNCH, please contact JT Laraway at (269) 462-4450.

# Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

Enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for publication in *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* are not original.

Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

- 1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
- 2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
- 3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
- 4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
- 5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
- 6. Absolutely no political campaigning is allowed.

# Summer Ceremonies Held at Rodgers Lake June 21

The Pokagon Band Traditions and Repatriation Committee will be hosting Summer Ceremonies at the Rodgers Lake property on June 21, open to all Pokagon Band citizens, other natives, and spouses. The Committee has been hosting ceremonies for the past several years at the change of seasons; the June 21 ceremonies will mark the change from spring to summer and to acknowledge the good things that Grandmother Earth, Nokmeskignan, brings to us at this time of

At each season the ceremonies are led by different clans that are prevalent in our community. The Summer Ceremonies will be led by the fish and turtle clans, both of the larger water clan. The intent is that the different clans can share their teachings with the community, and that the different strengths and viewpoints that make up our community are brought forward throughout the year.

There will be a sunrise ceremony and an evening ceremony; you are welcome to attend one or both if you are interested. For the evening ceremony, please bring a jacket with you in case it gets cold and please bring a dish to share for the feast afterwards.

The longhouse took a beating over the winter, and the Committee will be rebuilding it on June 7 and 8. If you are interested in helping, we will be starting at 9 a.m. each day.

We ask that you treat the decision to restrict the ceremonies to natives and their spouses with respect and tolerance. There is much healing that needs to take place within our community before the ceremonies can be open to the entire public; perhaps there will come a time in the future when these doings are shared with all.

Sunrise Ceremony: 6:30 a.m.

Longhouse in the Rodgers Lake Campgrounds

Conductor: Clarence White Sunset Ceremony: 8:00 p.m.

Longhouse in the Rodgers Lake Campgrounds

Conductor: TBA

# **Blood Pressure**

Native American adults are 1.3 times more likely to have high blood pressure.

**120 / 80** normal blood pressure is at or below

Native American adults are almost **2x** more likely to die from diabetes-related complications.

> FASTING BLOOD SUGAR SHOULD BE BELOW 100 mg/dL





# **Cholesterol Levels**

TOTAL CHOLESTEROL LEVEL ↓200 mg/dL

HDL (GOOD! CHOLESTEROL) 40 mg/dL

LDL (BAD! CHOLESTEROL) **↓130 mg/dL** 

**Body Mass Index (BMI)** 

underweight < 18.5 normal weight 18.5-24.9 overweight 25-29.9 obese 30 or greater



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POKAGON HEALTH SERVICES

#### **Election Packets Mailed**



You should have received your elections packet in the mail. If you haven't received your, please contact Jessica Howell at (269) 462-4236 or Jessica. Howell@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

## **Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications**

To maintain effective communications, it is critical that citizens keep their addresses—and those of their children—updated. Many addresses currently in our system are out of date or undeliverable. If you move, please let the enrollment office know as soon as possible, and have your and your dependent's address updated. If your bank account is closed, we mail a live check to you in the next Per Capita check run. If your address is undeliverable, you will not receive this check until you have updated your address.

Contact enrollment coordinator Beth Edelberg at (888)782-1001 to change your address.

### **Per Capita News**

The Enrollment Office needs the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment Office at (269) 782–1763 or Barb Vincent in the Finance Department at (269) 462–4209.

Enrollment #	Name	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	Х	х	Х	х	х	
202	Jeffrey Morseau					х	Х
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	х	х	х	х	х	Х
857	Peter John Ramirez	х	х	х	х	х	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	х	х	х	х	х	
1598	Siloman Askin Temple					х	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			х	х	х	Х
2429	Larry Pierce Jr.					х	
2595	James Hamstra				х	х	
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		х	х	х	х	Х
4442	Mason Tyler Currey					х	

Please note - you must have a deliverable address on file.

### Attention 18- to 20-Year-Olds | Per Capita Information

Attention all high school seniors who are graduating from high school or individuals who may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Attn: Enrollment Office P O Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047 OR fax to: (269) 782-1964

The document must be received by July 15 in order to make it on the August 2014 check run. Anything received after July 15 will be processed on the check run for September. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

### Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts		
Friday, December 6, 2013	Thursday, December 19, 2013	Friday, December 20, 2013		
Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Thursday, January 30, 2014	Friday, January 31, 2014		
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Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Tuesday, April 29, 2014	Wednesday, April 30, 2014		
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Friday, June 13, 2014	Thursday, June 26, 2014	Friday, June 27, 2014		
Tuesday, July 15, 2014	Wednesday, July 30, 2014	Thursday, July 31, 2014		
Friday, August 15, 2014	Thursday, August 28, 2014	Friday, August 29, 2014		
Monday, September 15, 2014	Monday, September 29, 2014	Tuesday, September 30, 2014		
Wednesday, October 15, 2014	Thursday, October 30, 2014	Friday, October 31, 2014		
Monday, November 3, 2014*	Tuesday, November 25, 2014	Wed, November 26, 2014		

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that in December the deadline to receive changes is December 6 and November the deadline to receive changes is November 3, this is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

### Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

For those tribal citizens receiving per capita checks in the mail and who do not have direct deposit, enclosed with your check you will find a direct deposit and a tax withholding form. These will be included with your check every month until we achieve 100% direct deposits.

The tribe is currently having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe is offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. We are making efforts to give everyone a chance to set up a bank account of your choice and on your own.

As always, the tax withholding form is not mandatory although highly suggested as per capita payments are subject to federal and state taxes. The tribe only withholds federal taxes with a completed form, state taxes are the responsibility of the citizen

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. Both of the above stated forms are available online at www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as I receive it by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as I do not receive any errors from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

### Tribal Council June Calendar of Events

- 2 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 3 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 9 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 10 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 14 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 16 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 17 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 23 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 24 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 30 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

To hear what is being served for the elders lunches in June, please call (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 noon.

### Tribal Council July Calendar of Events

- I Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 7 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 8 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m. 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Government Elections
- 14 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 15 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 16 Legislative Session, Community Center, 6 p.m.
- 21 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 22 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 28 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 28 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.



## On Sunday, June 15 ...

### Race for fun. Race to win.

#### Race on the green ... at the Four Winds 5K and Fun Walk!

Join us on the fairway during our first ever Four Winds 5K & Fun Walk on Blackthorn Golf Course. That's right a 5K and fun walk right on the course. It's one of the great family-friendly events scheduled as part of the Four Winds Invitational Tournament. You'll be scrambling across a beautiful course not only in pursuit of a prize but also for a great cause: all proceeds go to Memorial Children's Hospital.

Sunny 101.5 will be on hand during the race, providing music and motivation. There are more details online. So check out our website (fourwindsinvitational.com) for more information on this race and all of the other events scheduled from June 15-22 as part of the 2014 Four Winds Invitational.

 $Register\ online\ today\ at\ \underline{runsignup.com/Race/IN/SouthBend/FourWindsInvitational5K}$ 

#### Saturday, June 14

Pre-race Packet Pick-up and Late Registration
Start/Finish Area at Blackthorn Golf Course 12:00-4:00 p.m.

### Sunday, June 15

Race Day Packet Pick-up and Late Registration Start/Finish Area at Blackthorn Golf Course

6:30-7:30 a.m.

**5K** (electronically chipped and timed) 8:00 a.m.

Fun Walk 8:05 a.m.

#### Cost\*

The cost is \$25 per person for the 5K or \$20 for the fun walk, if you register by mail or online by the registration deadline. If you register on-site on June 14 or 15, the cost is \$30 for the race or \$25 for the fun walk.

\*The registration fee includes a goodie bag and race t-shirt, while supplies last; a shirt is not guaranteed for late registration.













# Part of the Four Winds Invitational Tournament Events

Wednesday, June 18 · 5:00-7:00 p.m.

College Football Hall of Fame Gridiron

Downtown South Bend



**FREE** and open to the public and sponsored by DoubleTree® by Hilton Hotel South Bend, we have a special evening of family fun planned for you:

- Meet and greet Symetra Tour and LPGA players
- Children's games and races
- Make arts and crafts for children at Memorial Children's Hospital
- DoubleTree cookies and lemonade for the kids
- Participate in kids' interactive golf activities
- Win special giveaway items
- Fire safety with South Bend firefighters
- Face painting, balloon artists and other live entertainment
- And more!

**PLUS,** if you dine downtown on Wednesday, June 18, kids eat for free\* at participating restaurants.

For more information, visit fourwindsinvitational.com

\*One child 12 and under eats for free with the purchase of each adult entrée.











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### Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted

Both Senior and Junior Youth Councils are open to any Pokagon youngster. Anyone can join, and eventually run for the executive board. Besides the age divisions, there are differences between the two groups. The Junior Youth Council provides a voice for native youth between the ages of 12 and 18. The Council promotes the development of future tribal leaders through educational attainment and Potawatomi language, culture, pride, and identity. The Junior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for native youth to interact for fun and friendship.

The Senior Youth Council provides a voice for Pokagon citizens between the ages of 18 and 24. The Senior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for Pokagon young adults to interact for fun and friendship. The Council mobilizes members toward positive goals, promotes the development of future tribal leaders and educates native youth about tribal government.

### **Demen Gises June Citizen Announcements**



Congratulations Katy Morseau-Rader on your graduation from Southwestern Michigan College!

We are very proud of you!

Love to you!

Melissa & Tony Rodriguez Michael & Richard Newcomer Aunt Marie(Manley) and Jess Harwood



Congratulations Ron and Tori Rider on the birth of your daughter, **Harper** Lee Rider, January 23, 2014

Love, Mom and Dad



Congratulations to Jennifer Edelberg...a Graduate from Lake Michigan College with a degree in Registered Dental Assisting. Love, your family & friends.



Happy 1st birthday to our

wonderful niece Lillian

Louise Siegl on May 30.

Love Aunt Jessica, Uncle

Lawson and cousin Alyssa.

Fink! Love Mom & Dad



Happy first birthday May 16 to our beautiful daughter Alyssa Renae



Happy 37th birthday Pete Joseph Wesaw April 18. Hope you have a wonderful and fun birthday.

Love Mom and Jose



The family of **Jackie** Genereaux would like to thank everyone who helped with her journey. The water ceremony was beautiful, thanks ladies. Officiating by Steve Winchester, the songs by Don Sumners, Dave Brown, Bobby Linn, Rush Lake Singers and her Keepers of the

Fire: we appreciate each and every one of you. Our hearts smile knowing she was laid to rest close to her brothers Sam and Junior Wesaw.

Miigwetch,

The Genereaux, Brown and Temple families



Congratulations to Pokagon youth Storm and Savannah Moore. Storm, left, placed fourth in the 275 pound weight class at the Mississippi Powerlifting Competition held in Jackson, Mississippi in April. Savannah, right, is a member of the North Pontotoc High School team that won the Mississippi Commerce Challenge. After winning the state competition, her team went on to the national competition in St. Louis, Missouri May 2. Their team was made up of four freshmen while the other teams were high school seniors. Well done, both!

Jeremy Leroy Zerbe (October 17, 1978 – February 26, 2014)

Jeremy was born October 17, 1978 in Petoskey; he is the son of Leroy & Grace (King) Zerbe. Jeremy was a Tribal Citizen of Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Jeremy loved the outdoors; fishing, swimming and biking were a few of his favorite things to do besides spending time with his children. He also completed the Native American Iron Workers Program in Chicago, IL. He is survived by his wife Patty, his children Ninmkee, Elizabeth, Daniel, Oginiinhs, and Gabriel. His mother Grace Zerbe, his sisters Pauline & Matt Boulton, Dawn & Raymond Shenoskey, brotherin-laws Dave & Heather Marshall, Carl & Brenda Wesaw Jr., sister-in-laws Carla & William Steingold, Tianna Wesaw; his nephews Raymond, Leroy, Clint, Craig and Alex his Aunts; Delores Pierzynowski, Alice & Robert Yellowbank & Carol McFall, and many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his daughter Reona Zerbe Wesaw and his father Leroy Zerbe several Uncles and Grandparents. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 11AM at Greensky Hill Indian Mission United Methodist Church, 08484 Greensky Hill Road, Charlevoix, MI, where his family will receive visitors one hour prior to the service. The burial following immediately after at Greenwood Cemetery in Petoskey, with a luncheon at Greensky Hill Susan Hall. Arrangements are being handled at Charles G. Parks Funeral Home in Petoskey, MI.



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We would like to give a huge miigwech to family, friends and community for providing support during the loss of our beloved Jeremy Leroy Zerbe. It is such a comfort to know that he touched so many lives in his way. Your support helped us to cope at this difficult, sad time. We appreciate

more than we can say.

We would also like to say milgwech to Pastor Robert Dominic, Pastor Jonathon Mays, Medicine Man Joe Mitchell, Greensky Hill Church Womens's Group for the preparation of our luncheon, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe, Gun Lake Band, Spirit Lake, Cody Biglohn and Cherie Dominic.

Sincerely,

Zerbe, Boulton, Shenoskey Family



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### Two Pokagon Youth Honored with National Award

United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. (UNITY) recently announced the inaugural class of its new national youth leadership recognition program, the 25 Under 25 Native Youth Leadership Awards, and two Pokagon youth made the cut. Collin Church and Alex Wesaw will be recognized at a ceremony during the UNITY National Conference June 28 -July 3 in Portland, Oregon, with each receiving a hand-made beaded 25 Under 25 medallion. There, they will join more than 1,300 native youth who are converging at the National Conference for a full week of youth leadership development, featuring tribal leaders, expert trainers, and native youth peers from throughout the country. Another Potawatomi, Drew Phillips of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band, also received

In addition to being recognized, each awardee will receive special training by UNITY over the period of one year that is designed to build on their individual achievements. The inaugural class will be recognized as UNITY ambassadors, serving as examples of Native youth leadership in Indian Country today. Church and Wesaw have been active in the Pokagon Band's Youth Councils and have held leadership positions in national native organizations and at their universities for several years.

The 25 Under 25 awards program is designed to celebrate the achievements of Native American and Alaskan Native youth ages 14 to 24 who embody UNITY's core mission and exude living a balanced life developing their spiritual, mental, physical and social well-being.













Potawatomi nations from across the United States and Canada will converge on Allegan County, Michigan August 4-9 at the 2014 Potawatomi Gathering. The Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band is hosting The Gathering, an opportunity for Potawatomi people to reunite as a family to strengthen culture and traditions. Register now and check out all the planned conferences, activities and events at the Gathering website:

www.potawatominations.com

### Native American WNBA Player Shoni Schimmel Inspires Pokagon Youth

### By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

Members of the Youth Council recently traveled to Chicago to see Shoni Schimmel, a Native American basketball player, play in a WNBA game. Schimmel was drafted in the first round (the eighth pick overall) and plays for the Atlanta Dream.

Schimmel was raised on the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Mission, Oregon. During her high school career, she was named a first team All-American by *Parade Magazine*.

The 5'9" player was a four-year starter for the Louisville Cardinals, and she led her team to the championship game of the 2012-2013 Tournament. The USBWA and the Associated Press named her an All-American.

Schimmel has a younger sister, Jude, who is also a basketball player. Jude has one more year of eligibility at the University of Louisville. The sisters have a huge fan base in the Native American community. The Atlanta Dream has announced that the team will celebrate "Heritage Fridays," and the festivities began with Native American Night on May 30.

Sarah Shilling, a Champion for Change from the Little Traverse Bay Band, and Ernie Stevens Jr., Chair of the National Indian Gaming Association, accompanied the Pokagon group to the game.

"We had about ten people in our group, and we had courtside seats for the game," said Collin Church, chair of the Senior Youth Council. "It was an amazing experience. I have never sat that close at a sporting event."

"Shoni is an inspiration," said Church. "Less than one percent of athletes from reservations make



it to a professional level. She has drive and dedication, and she has a heart for her community. She is also very talented, and was the leading scorer in the game."

The group had the opportunity to meet Schimmel at the game. She took the time to take pictures and give autographs to her fans.

### **Pokagons Visit Boarding School**



Eighty years ago June 6, the Mount Pleasant Indian Industrial Boarding School closed its doors forever. The school consisted of 37 buildings on 320 acres of land in central Michigan, with an average enrollment of 300 American Indian students in grades K–8 per year. The school operated from 1893 to 1934, and those native children who were forced from their

families and communities bore the effects of their experiences there for the rest of their lives.

Twelve Pokagon youth and 37 Pokagon elders attended an honoring, healing and remembering ceremony that occurs on June 6 each year to commemorate the end of that era. The day began with a sunrise ceremony at the cemetery and



concluded with a healing, jingle dance and traveling song. Tribal Council member Marie Manley-Harwood spoke during the proceedings about how moving it was to be present on the grounds of the former school, and how grateful she was to elders and organizers for making the opportunity possible.

### Be Vigilant with Sun Protection This Summer

### By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse

Sunburn results from too much sun or sun-equivalent exposure. Anyone who visits a beach, goes fishing, works in the yard, or simply is out in the sun can get sunburned. Sunburn is possible any time of the year, but is more common in the summer months when the sun's rays are the strongest. Improper tanning bed use is also a source of sunburn. Although seldom fatal, severe sunburn or sun poisoning can be a cause for concern. One or more blistering sunburns in childhood or adolescence more than double a person's chances of developing melanoma later in life, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation. A person's risk for melanoma doubles if he or she has had five or more sunburns at any age.

Sunburns should be avoided at all costs to help decrease your chances of getting skin cancer. Some tips to help you prevent sunburns are below.

- Avoid the sun during the peak hours of 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Wear wide-brimmed hats, long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and sunglasses with appropriate UV protection.



- Use sunblock. Pay attention to the sun protection factor (SPF) and whether or not PABA is in the product. Some people's skin is sensitive to PABA. PABA should be avoided in children younger than 6 months because it can cause skin irritation. Because of the tendency to produce irritation, and other harmful properties most sunscreens no longer contain this chemical.
- The American Academy of Dermatology recommends a broad-spectrum (UVA and UVB) waterproof sunscreen of at least SPF 30 be used year round.

- Reapply sunscreen according to manufacturer's instructions.
- Be sure to apply sunscreen to all areas of the body.
   If you miss areas these can be open to sunburn.
   Some common missed body parts are the nose, scalp, and the ears.
- Water proof and sweat proof does not really mean what it says. No sunblock is really water proof; it is water resistant and it should state for how long on the package. If your child is in the water or is sweating, more frequent application is needed for sunscreen to be effective. Most water proof sunblocks will need to be reapplied every 40–80 minutes depending on what brand you are using.
- Apply sunscreen 15 minutes before going out into the sun and reapply as indicated.
- Apply the sunscreen liberally. You want to be sure that you and your family members have enough sunscreen on them. Often sunscreen is applied but not in great enough amount to make a difference.







# Purple Shawl Project: Dancers Invited

Sunday, August 17 1:00-5:00 p.m. Community Center

27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac, MI 49047

If you have made a shawl for the Purple Shawl Project, please join us at the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow August 30 and 31.

Our goal is to one day have the dance arena filled with Purple Shawl dancers. These are honor dances—no fancy dancing required! The next Purple Shawl meeting is August 17 from 1–5 p.m. at the Community Center. Please join us if you are a woman and would like to start a shawl for you and/or your daughter or if you need to finish one. Please bring a dish to pass.

More details on the times for the Purple Shawl dances at the Pow Wow will follow in the next newsletter and on the Pokagon Band Facebook page.

If you have any questions about the Purple Shawl project, please contact Lisa Downing or Marchell Wesaw at (269) 462-4200.

Pokégnek Bodéwadmik Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

### Farmington Hills Students Learn About Native American Culture from Pokagon Group

### By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

A group of Pokagon dancers and drummers traveled to Farmington Hills, Michigan in May to give elementary students a chance to learn about and experience Native American culture

Jaxon Peters is a third grader at Forest Elementary in Farmington Hills, and his class was learning about Native American tribes in Michigan. The teacher asked the students if of them knew any of the tribes, and Jaxon quickly volunteered information about the Pokagon Potawatomi.

"His teacher was surprised to learn that he knew about the Potawatomi," said Cari Peters, Jaxon's mother. "He told his class that his dad was a tribal citizen and that he had been to a pow wow. His teacher thought it was sweet to see how proud he was and wondered if someone from the family would be willing to come and speak to the class."

Cari reached out to her mother-in-law, Audrey Houston, who is a member of the Elders Council. Audrey contacted Conrad Church, the director of Language and Culture, and soon they had arranged for a group to travel to the school.

"The school put on an assembly for the third and fourth graders," said Peters. "Tribal members spoke to the students about their culture and how they are trying to revive their language."

"Five to seven dancers performed, and there were two drummers," said Peters. "The kids loved it! It was very loud and interactive, and many kids said that it was their favorite assembly. The message to the students was that Native Americans are here, and even though we are different, we are all the same."

"The best part of the assembly occurred during the very last song and dance," explained Peters. "My boys, Jaxon and Nolan, were invited to come out and drum with the group. They are a bit shy, and Conrad explained to them that it is an honor to be invited to drum. They boys got out there are embraced it."

After the positive experience of the assembly, Jaxon and Nolan are attending Cultural Camp in Dowagiac. They are eager to learn more about their culture and pass their knowledge on to their family and friends.





### **Project LAUNCH Focuses on Prevention**



Prevention: It's a word we use often when we talk about health care. Treatment happens when we start to see symptoms, but prevention is the ongoing effort we take to avoid those symptoms. When we experience a symptom like pain in a tooth, we might treat that symptom on our own with over-the-counter medication or seek dental treatment and have the tooth filled. Dental care has a great model for prevention services: dentists recommend a check-up every six months. At the check up, we receive preventive care through a thorough cleaning, physical examination and education on how to care for your teeth.

This helps many of us learn effective habits which can eliminate the symptom of pain and the need for long-term treatment.

Preventive care for mental health is something we don't always think about. Quite often we think of mental health as a diagnosis like depression or anxiety. Mental health is really just our optimal state of being, and we now know that children's mental health is supported through a process of brain development that begins before birth and continues into adulthood. Preventive care helps us to support this growth and development at every stage of life and increases the probability of positive mental health outcomes.

Project LAUNCH, which seeks to increase and enhance services for children in our community, aims to build a model of preventive care by strengthening parenting skills and regularly screening for social-emotional concerns before the symptoms become painful. This investment in our young children provides a long-term payback when they become productive adult members of our tribal community.

The Triple P program is one of those prevention tools. Triple P stands for Positive Parenting Program, and it has been proven to help parents build strong family relationships, manage child misbehaviour and prevent problems from occurring in the first place. Parenting can be tough; Triple P is designed to provide simple, practical strategies that parents and caregivers can adapt to fit with their personal values. If you are interested in learning more about Triple P or have questions or comments about Project LAUNCH, please contact JT Laraway at (269) 462-4450.

### **Upcoming Social Services Cultural Workshops**

## Wooden Spoon Making Workshop and Community Potluck with John Pigeon | July 19

The Department of Social Services is hosting a wooden spoon making workshop, facilitated by John Pigeon. The workshop will be held at the Rodger's Lake Pavilion from 10 AM–4 PM on Saturday, July 19. Please bring a dish to pass. This event is open to the community, though spaces are limited. You must RSVP to attend. If you are interested in attending please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462–4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

### Basket Making Class | July 24

The Department of Social Services is hosting a basket making class with Margaret Rapp and Christine Morseau on Monday, July 21. This class is for women only and spaces are extremely limited. If you are interested in attending please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov to RSVP.

#### Old Style Potawatomi Rattle Class | August 5

The Department of Social Services is hosting an Old Style Potawatomi Rattle Making class taught by Joy Duff on August 5. The class is for women only and spaces are extremely limited. If you are interested in attending please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov to RSVP.

### Purple Shawl Workshop | August 17

The next Purple Shawl workshop will be held on Sunday, August 17 from 1–5 at the Community Center. Please bring a dish to pass. You do not have to be an experienced seamstress to attend, but if you are please feel free to bring your sewing supplies and expertise. Shawl material and fringe are provided. This has been an excellent project for women in the community to raise awareness for domestic violence and support those who have experienced violence. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462–4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

### **Medical Social Worker Joins Pokagon Health Services**

My name is Melody Pillow and I am here to provide counseling and support services to patients of the Clinic. Illness and injury can take an emotional toll on everyone involved, leading to increased distress for patients and families. In addition to counseling, I can provide assistance with financial concerns, insurance, and help with referrals for community resources. Here are some examples of my daily duties and responsibilities:

ADVOCATING I speak up for patients' rights. One way I do this is to talk with the doctors, patients, and their families to ensure a smooth transition from hospitals and rehabilitative facilities to patient's homes.

**COLLABORATING** I work with primary care physicians at Pokagon Health Services and other health professionals to give patients information about their care plan.

**COMMUNICATING** After patients sign a consent form I speak to organizations on their behalf. I make referrals and try to get past all of the red tape involved to help patients receive the services for which they are eligible.



EDUCATING I give patients and their family members health care information about their medical conditions, self-help resources, and worksheets to make informed health care decisions. I also give information about programs or organizations that patients can find useful.

**FACILITATING** I help guide patients so that they can be able to process their thoughts and feelings in a safe and comfortable environment that promotes personal growth and emotional healing.

**NAVIGATING** One of my biggest jobs is to assist patients with applying for health insurance. I help patients understand the requirements of government health insurance eligibility for programs such as Medicare and Medicaid.

I have more than 25 years of experience in human services, specializing in child and family welfare, and have worked with children with emotional and cognitive impairments. I coordinated care services for pregnant women and infants in Allegan and Van Buren County, provided family preservation services in the Families First Program, and was a wrap-around facilitator for Berrien County. I'm currently studying to become a fully licensed Master Clinical Social Worker. I hold a BS in family studies and a master in social work from Western Michigan University. I bring a wealth of experience and resources to serve the biopsycho-social needs of our patients.

I look forward to providing this new service and welcome any questions. If you would like to set up an appointment I can be reached at Pokagon Health Services either by e-mail Melody.Pillow@ Pokagonband-nsn.gov or telephone (269)782.4141 ext. 441.

# **Tribal Court Assistance Program** | Grant Advisory Board Facilitated Work Session Peacemaking (Native Justice) Implementation

Wednesday, July 2, 2014 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Pokagon Band Community Center

Tribal citizens, spouses and staff are welcome to observe as the Tribal Court Assistance Program (T.C.A.P) Grant Advisory Board works with Ada Pecos-Melton on the drafting of a peacemaking plan for the Pokagon Band community. The members of this core group have been on a journey to explore peacemaking to determine whether it has utility for our community. The purpose of this work session is: (1) to establish both written vision and mission statements which are consistent with the Pokagon Band Mission Statement and community values; and (2) to develop an implementation plan so that this community has a peacemaking mechanism for immediate community use. Although this is a work session, we are keeping this open so that citizens, spouses and employees can hear and see the work of the core group and learn why and how native peacemaking concepts and principles to resolve conflicts and disputes within the tribal community are envisioned to be part of this community's future.

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## Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Pokégnek Yajdanawa is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in Pokegnek Yajdanawa. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the fourteenth of each month. Please send items for publication to:

\*Pokégnek Yajdanawa\*

Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047
Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

### Tick Season is Here

### By Elizabeth Leffler, community health nurse

It's the time of year to start thinking about ticks and preventing tick bites. A tick attaches itself to the skin of an animal or person and sucks its blood. There are hundreds of kinds of ticks, and they can be found almost everywhere. Check for ticks after you've been playing or hiking in the woods, especially on your head (including your scalp), back, neck, armpits, and groin area.

If you ever find a tick on you, remove it from your skin. This should be done using tweezers. Grab the tick as close as possible to your skin, and pull the tick off in one motion. Don't cover the tick with petroleum jelly, fingernail polish, or any other substance, since these don't help the tick come out and can make things more complicated. If part of the tick stays in your skin, don't worry it will eventually come out. Monitor the area for any irritation.

Doctors don't need to treat most tick bites unless the tick was carrying Lyme disease or Rocky Mountain spotted fever and passed it on. Any symptoms that might mean you are sick will be treated with antibiotics. If these diseases are treated early, it's rare to experience lasting changes to a person's health.

The symptoms of Lyme disease depend on the stage of the disease. You may first notice symptoms weeks to months after the tick bite. If the disease isn't treated, it may progress from mild symptoms to serious, long-term disabilities.



- In the first stage, you may have a rash at the site of the tick bite. You may also have a lack of energy or a headache and stiff neck. Sometimes people have no symptoms at this stage.
- In the second stage, symptoms may include memory problems and pain and weakness in the arms and legs.
- In the third stage, symptoms may include swelling and pain (like arthritis) in the joints, not being able to control facial muscles, and numbness and tingling in the hands, feet, or back.

If you don't have any of the symptoms of Lyme disease and the site of the bite is healing, you don't need to contact your health provider.

Preventing tick bites is the best medicine. Below are ten ways to help you prevent them when outdoors:

- 1. Use a product with 20% DEET or higher on both skin and clothing.
- 2. Apply permethrin to clothing, hiking boots, tents, and camp chairs.
- 3. Wear light-colored clothing.
- 4. Wear long pants with sneakers or hiking boots.
- 5. Outfit yourself in bug repellent apparel.
- 6. Stay on the trail.
- 7. Avoid tick-infested places.
- 8. Be vigilant do a daily tick check.
- 9. Put your clothes in the dryer, and tumble them on high heat.
- 10. Check your pets and your kids before letting them loose in the house.

### Stanley Morseau is Elder of the Month



Well, they have run out of elders to honor, so not it is my turn. My name is Stan Morseau. I am the son of Wilbur Morseau and Nora Mae Lewis Morseau. I have been married to Linda for 49 years. We have four children: Norrie, Shannon, Junior and Sam. We have 16 grandchildren, five great grandchildren and an ever changing number of foster children.

I have recently returned to the area after having been gone for 55 years. I have always said that someday I wanted to return, and that day finally arrived.

Over the last fifty years we have traveled the pow wow circuit and had the honor of making many friends. We kept busy coaching and supporting our children in baseball, basketball, wrestling, soccer, football and cheerleading.

The things I enjoy are family, first; secondly I enjoy standing up to voice my opinion because I listen to people and try to express their beliefs as best I can. I also enjoy rekindling family memoirs of those I was not able to grow old with. The most interesting part is meeting the younger generation and watching them blossom into young adults. When I left Hartford I knew every relative I had, which numbered about 500. Fifty-five years later they now total 6,000. So you see, I have a lot of visiting to do.



Stanley Morseau became chair of Elders Council June 23.

### **Riddle**

Mail in your correct answer or email it to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov in the Department of Education and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card.WAIT... another way to win is to mail or email your own riddle and the person whose riddle is selected for the next newsletter will win a gift card. Last month's riddle winner is **Emily Serba**, who answered "a match" to the riddle, "Tear one off and scratch my head, what once was red is black instead. What am I?"

**Logan Serba** submitted a new riddle and he has also won a gift card. Check it

How did the big mountain know that the little mountain was fibbing?

### Forum on Hunting and Fishing Sovereignty a Good First Step

Pokagon citizens interested in helping establish a Conservation Code that protects hunting, fishing, gathering and trapping sovereignty on tribal land helped staff take the first steps in creating that code June 14.

"We had a favorable turnout and had a lot of positive feedback," said Kevin Modlin, conservation officer and part of the group working on the Code, which also includes staff from the Department of Natural Resources, Tribal Police and General Counsel. "People seem to be excited for the upcoming changes with the licensing process. It really is for their benefit that we hear from them."

# Pokagon Elders Planning Trip to Mall of America September 8-10

Join Pokagon Elders for a shopping trip to the Mall of America! Only elders are eligible to participate in this trip. The spouse of an elder may accompany the elder on the trip, regardless of whether the spouse is a citizen or an elder. Following the policy of the random drawing, you will be put on a participant list or an alternate list. If you are a single person, you will be paired with another person to share a double room. Spouses will be together in their room.

All elders will receive a mailing detailing the registration, itinerary, and the agenda of the trip, including times and locations. Please keep your addresses up dated with the enrollment office, and do not call Elders Hall.

Once the General Counsel finishes the Code it will be presented to Tribal Council, voted on and eventually implemented. The hope is the Code will be established by Sovereignty Day September 21 this year.

"Creating this Code really is a groundbreaking event for the tribe, and we are happy to see the excitement from the citizens whom it will impact," said Modlin.





# Need extra cash? Want to help others?

**Auxiliary Tutors Wanted** 

The Pokagon Band Department of Education is looking for qualified tutors to work with Pokagon students (pre-kindergarten – 12th Grade) both in and out of the ten-county service area.

Qualified candidates will have a current teaching certificate or a Bachelor's degree with an academic area of focus. Tutors are hired as private contractors. A completed background investigation through the Department of Human Resources is required.

If you or someone you know may be interested in tutoring, applications are available on the web at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Please contact the Department of Education at (888) 330-1234 or by email at Kristie.Bussler@Pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Pokagon Band tribal preference hiring policy applies.

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23 Inguage Class (4) Ith Language Class	Basket Making Class Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class (2) Hike at Van Buren State Park	Red Road to Recovery Group	26
30	31	August 1 EDU Career Development and Job Search Assistance	August 2

# Required Documentation for Contract Health Services Coverage

Patients need to provide the following documentation to be considered for Contract Health Services:

- 1. Tribal ID or letter of enrollment
- 2. Drivers license or state ID
  - If you do not have a driver's license or state ID with your current address listed, a proof of address is required (i.e. recent utility bill with your name and address, voter registration card, etc. It cannot be tribal or personal mail.)
- 3. Current health insurance cards
  - If you are currently uninsured, you will have 30 days to apply for Medicaid. Our Medicaid application specialists can assist you.

For our Medicaid Application Specialist to assist you with your application, you will need to bring the following documentation:

- 1. Proof of identity and family relationships for all household residents (tribal ID, drivers license or state ID)
- 2. Social security card/number for everyone applying for benefits within household
- 3. Proof of income for all household residents (paycheck stubs, per capita, unemployment, social security, disability or pension award letter, self-employment records of income.)
- 4. Proof of resources for all household residents (checking and/or savings account statements)

Please call (800) 440-1234 with any questions.

### All Pokagon Veterans Invited

Come and join us! We have now scheduled two meetings a month:

- First Thursday of each month, 2:00 p.m., Community Center, Dowagiac
- Second Saturday of each month (after Council meetings), at 2:00 p.m., Community Center, Dowagiac

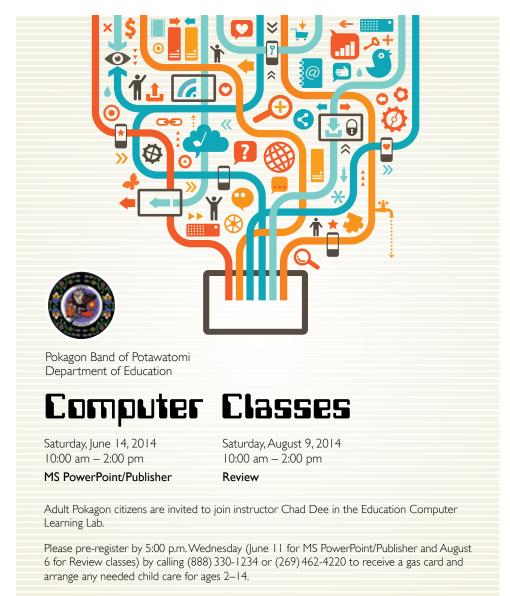
Look for updates on our Pokagon website, via e-mails or our own Facebook page: The Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans.

Hope to see you there!!

### **Pokagon Health Services Announces Extended Hours**

The Pokagon Health Clinic will offer extended hours once a week each Thursday evening starting January 9, 2014. Should extended hours become a big hit, staff will look at adding extended hours on more days of the week.

Thursday night extended hours will go until 7:00 p.m., but transportation won't be offered. Please call (269) 782-4141 for appointments during extended hours, or if you have any questions.



This project is made possible by a grant from



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education

### **Career Workshop**

Saturday, July 12 10:00 am – 2:00pm Saturday, September 13 10:00 am – 2:00pm

Gateways to Employment

Museum and Library

Changing Careers: Reinventing Oneself

Adult Pokagon citizens are invited to join instructor Lanre Ajayi in the Education Training Room. We will provide adult tribal citizens with child care, gas cards to cover transportation to and from workshop, and a \$30 gift card to the movies. Treat yourself after doing something good for your future!

As space and child care assistance is limited, please pre-register by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior (July 10 and September 10) at (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220.

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### Notice of Open Positions | Enrollment Committee

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon citizens to fill vacancies on the Enrollment Committee. The Enrollment Committee is responsible for reviewing and forwarding to Tribal Council the applications for tribal membership. The Enrollment Committee meets monthly, the second Monday of the month, at the Administration Building, 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac, Ml. Including meeting preparation, other enrollment business, and time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately two to three hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities. The responsibilities of the Committee Members include:

To meet on a monthly basis to review the enrollment applications, and to hold such information as confidential and sensitive.

**ELIGIBILITY.** To serve as a member of the Enrollment Committee, a Pokagon citizen must::

- Be detail-oriented.
- Be achievement-oriented.
- Be discreet and respectful of the privacy of others.
- Possess good knowledge of math fundamentals.

**COMPENSATION.** The enrollment committee members are compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$75.00 per meeting. In addition, the Enrollment Committee members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Enrollment Committee business.

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** Enrollment Committee members are appointed by Tribal Council. There are currently three vacant seats on the Enrollment Committee that will be filled by Tribal Council appointment for two-year terms of office.

**HOW TO APPLY.** Please submit letters of interest to:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indian Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary P.O. Box 180 Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

**QUESTIONS.** Questions concerning the Enrollment Committee or this notice may be directed to Michaelann Gartner, Chairperson of the Enrollment Committee, michaelann.gartner@pokagonband-nsn.gov, (269) 470-6171.

The deadline for submitting letters of interest is August 4, 2014.

### College Students: Be Aware of Rental Assistance Deadline

If you are going back to school for the fall 2014 semester, please don't forget to turn in all the following documents by Friday, October 17:

- Verification of Income
- Full Time School Schedule
- Previous Semester Grades
- Full Time Student Verification Form, available at www.pokagonband-nsn. gov/government/housing-and-facilities/rental-programs/student-temporary-housing-assistance-program, which needs to be filled out by your college/university and you.
- New Lease or Dorm Agreement

The documents must be delivered by October 17 or you will not be able to receive assistance for the fall semester, but can reapply next semester. Please e-mail, fax or mail the documents to the Housing Department, and contact Megan Rick or Lisa Johnson with questions.

Phone: (269)462-4251 or (269)783-0443

E-mail: Megan.Rick@pokagonband-nsn.gov or Lisa.Johnson@pokagonbandnsn.gov

Fax: (269)783-0452 or (269)462-4274

Mail:

P.O. Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

### Guidelines for Pokégnek Yajdanawa Submissions

Enrolled citizens of the Pokagon Band are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry, and announcements for publication in *Pokégnek Yajdanawa*. Submissions shall be the views and product of the submitting member. Submissions written by or to a third-party, such as the governor or a congressman, and copied to *Pokégnek Yajdanawa* are not original.

Anonymous or "name withheld" submissions will not be published. Members shall include their tribal enrollment number, full name, and mailing address with all newsletter submissions. Tribal enrollment number and mailing address will be used for verification purposes and will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Newsletter staff will contact members should any reason arise that may delay or prevent posting of newsletter submissions. To ensure timely communication with members regarding their newsletter submissions, members may choose to provide additional contact information such as a phone number or e-mail address. Phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and other provided contact information will not be published, unless member specifically requests to have it published.

Not all submissions are guaranteed publication upon submission. Newsletter staff reserves the right to refuse submissions based on the following criteria;

- 1. False, misleading, or defamatory;
- 2. Discriminatory, sexist, racist, demeaning, insulting, or otherwise offensive to another;
- 3. Threatening, harassing, intimidating, or otherwise may tend to produce fear;
- 4. Profane, obscene, pornographic, indecent, or patently offensive to the average user;
- 5. Disruptive to the office, undermining of the Band's or a supervisor's authority, or impairing of working relationships; and
- 6. Absolutely no political campaigning is allowed.

## Elders Lunch Menu | Abtenib gises July

friday 4 closed I fourth of july	photo by mahmud farooque	=	Pizza Day	<u>~</u>	Buffalo, Bean, and Rice Layered Burrito Casserole All the Toppings Garlic Bread Pineapple Upside Down Cake	25 closed	photo by sarah sammis		
thursday 3 business	Minestrone Soup Deli Sandwiches Relish and Veggie Tray Fruit Salad Birthday Cake	01	Chicken Fajitas w/ Peppers + Onions Soft or Hard Taco Shells Assorted Toppings Angel Food Cake and Berries	17	Tortilla Crusted Tilapia Rice Pilaf Carrots Garden Salad Blueberries	24 social luncheon	Ribs and Chicken Baked Beans Fruit and Veggie Trays Broccoli Salad Pies at pavillion	31	Sea Bass Baked Potato Corn on the Cob Coleslaw Roll
wednesday 2	Brats on a Bun Macaroni and Cheese Cucumber Salad Relish Tray Dessert	6	Buffalo Sloppy Joes Potato Salad Assorted Veggie Tray Jell-O W// Fruit	16 miea	Ham Sweet Potatoes Peas Coleslaw Lemon Cake	23	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Garden Salad Red Velvet Cupcake	30	Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, and Cheese Casserole Garden Salad Fruit
tuesday	Pork Chops in Gravy Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Garden Salad Dessert	œ	Salmon Patty Baked Potato Asparagus Tomato Salad Dessert	I5 miea	Roast Beef Manhattan Mashed Potatoes Garden Salad Broccoli Yogurt W/ Fruit Cup	22	Bean Soup Sliced Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Veggie and Relish Tray Dessert	29	Beef Sausage in Spanish Rice  Buffalo Goulash  Brussels Sprouts  Cauliflower  Corn Bread  Corn Bread  Corn Bread  Fruit Cocktail  Beef Sausas  Chicken, Rice, Broccoli, and Sea Bass  Cheese Casserole  Garden Salad  Corn on the Cob  Coleslaw  Roll  Roll
monday	photo by free photos + art	7 language	Sausage Links Biscuits and Gravy Egg Casserole with Hash Browns and Peppers Orange Juice	4 language	BBQ Chicken Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Garden Salad Fruit Rye Bread	2 language	Buffalo Tacos W/ Lettuce, Tomato,Onion, and Cheese Hard or Soft Taco Shell Black Beans and Rice Cake	28 language	Beef Sausage in Spanish Rice Brussels Sprouts Garden Salad Corn Bread Ice Cream

PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE if you are not a regular attendee for meals. (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 Noon. Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers. Business and social luncheons are potlucks. Please bring a dish to pass.

## **Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications**

To maintain effective communications, it is critical that citizens keep their addresses—and those of their children—updated. Many addresses currently in our system are out of date or undeliverable. If you move, please let the enrollment office know as soon as possible, and have your and your dependent's address updated. If your bank account is closed, we mail a live check to you in the next Per Capita check run. If your address is undeliverable, you will not receive this check until you have updated your address.

Contact enrollment coordinator Beth Edelberg at (888)782-1001 to change your address.

### Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment Office at (269) 782–1763 or Barb Vincent in the Finance Department at (269) 462–4209.

Enrollment #	Name	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	х	х	х	х	х	
202	Jeffrey Morseau					х	Х
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	х	х	х	х	х	Х
857	Peter John Ramirez	х	х	х	х	х	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	х	х	х	х	х	
1598	Siloman Askin Temple					х	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			х	х	х	Х
2429	Larry Pierce Jr.					х	
2595	James Hamstra				х	х	
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		х	х	х	х	Х
4442	Mason Tyler Currey					х	

Please note - you must have a deliverable address on file.

### Attention 18- to 20-Year-Olds | Per Capita Information

Attention all high school seniors who are graduating from high school or individuals who may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Attn: Enrollment Office P O Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047 OR fax to: (269) 782-1964

The document must be received by August 15 in order to make it on the September 2014 check run. Anything received after August 15 will be processed on the check run for October. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

### Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts		
Friday, December 6, 2013	Thursday, December 19, 2013	Friday, December 20, 2013		
Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Thursday, January 30, 2014	Friday, January 31, 2014		
Friday, February 14, 2014	Thursday, February 27, 2014	Friday, February 28, 2014		
Friday, March 14, 2014	Thursday, March 27 2014	Friday, March 28, 2014		
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Tuesday, April 29, 2014	Wednesday, April 30, 2014		
Thursday, May 15, 2014	Thursday, May 29, 2014	Friday, May 30, 2014		
Friday, June 13, 2014	Thursday, June 26, 2014	Friday, June 27, 2014		
Tuesday, July 15, 2014	Wednesday, July 30, 2014	Thursday, July 31, 2014		
Friday, August 15, 2014	Thursday, August 28, 2014	Friday, August 29, 2014		
Monday, September 15, 2014	Monday, September 29, 2014	Tuesday, September 30, 2014		
Wednesday, October 15, 2014	Thursday, October 30, 2014	Friday, October 31, 2014		
Monday, November 3, 2014*	Tuesday, November 25, 2014	Wed, November 26, 2014		

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that in December the deadline to receive changes is December 6 and November the deadline to receive changes is November 3, this is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

### Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

For those tribal citizens receiving per capita checks in the mail and who do not have direct deposit, enclosed with your check you will find a direct deposit and a tax withholding form. These will be included with your check every month until we achieve 100% direct deposits.

The tribe is currently having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe is offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. We are making efforts to give everyone a chance to set up a bank account of your choice and on your own.

As always, the tax withholding form is not mandatory although highly suggested as per capita payments are subject to federal and state taxes. The tribe only withholds federal taxes with a completed form, state taxes are the responsibility of the citizen

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. Both of the above stated forms are available online at www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as I receive it by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as I do not receive any errors from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

### Tribal Council July Calendar of Events

- I Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 7 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 8 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Government Election
- 14 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 15 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 16 Legislative Session, Community Center, 6 p.m.
- 21 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 22 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 28 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 28 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

### Tribal Council August Calendar of Events

- 4 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 5 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 12 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 16 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 18 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 19 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 25 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 26 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.



Thursday, June 19 Thursday, July 24 Thursday, August 21

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Join us at Michigan's beautiful Van Buren State Park for hikes led by a park naturalist. The June hike will be slow paced. July's and August's hikes will increase in length and difficulty. Come for one, or come for all, and enjoy being outside and active this summer.

For more information or to register, contact Elizabeth Leffler at Elizabeth.Leffler@Pokagonband-nsn.gov.



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### Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted

Both Senior and Junior Youth Councils are open to any Pokagon youngster. Anyone can join, and eventually run for the executive board. Besides the age divisions, there are differences between the two groups. The Junior Youth Council provides a voice for native youth between the ages of 12 and 18. The Council promotes the development of future tribal leaders through educational attainment and Potawatomi language, culture, pride, and identity. The Junior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for native youth to interact for fun and friendship.

The Senior Youth Council provides a voice for Pokagon citizens between the ages of 18 and 24. The Senior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for Pokagon young adults to interact for fun and friendship. The Council mobilizes members toward positive goals, promotes the development of future tribal leaders and educates native youth about tribal government.

### Abtenib gises July Citizen Announcements

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our Arkansas July Babies:

George McMurtrie July 1

David Maleski July 6

Tammy Sorters July 24

Happy birthday to our grandson **Trey McMurtrie** July 15

Happy birthday to my dear brother **Kenneth Rader** July 14

We love you all,

George & Sarah McWhorter



### Joseph Gephart

"Big Buck"

Joseph D. Gephart, age 56, of Hayward, died Sunday, June 15, 2014 at his home.

Joseph Dennis Gephart was born on August 8, 1957 in St. Joseph, MI, the son Merle and Rosella (Strobl) Gephart. Joe was known to his friends as Cocomo Joe. He will be missed by all his family and friends.

He is survived by his son Jeffrey Myatt; beloved partner Eva Maiwald; siblings Donald (Ruth) Gephart, Jerome Gephart both of St. Joseph, Ml, Karen (Wayne) Kime of Brandon, FL, Mary Ann (Ernie) Ferguson of

Jacksonville, FL & Allen Gephart of Niles, MI; many nephews & nieces.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents. Honorary bearers were Jason Blank, Louis Gordon, George Liable, Steve Phelps, Brian Thayer and Paul Trepanier.

Online condolences can be made at pineviewfuneralservice.com



### AUGUST 1, 2014 10:00 - 2:00P.M. COMMUNITY CENTER

This event is for high school graduates, community college, four-year university students, and those who desire to attend vocational programs or college in the fall and have NOT completed the scholarship application.

Topics covered:

- complete scholarship application/learn of new deadlines
- FAFSA work shop
- Complete book stipend direct deposit form
- Vocational scholarship information

Lunch and refreshments will be served to participants. Prizes! You must be present to win.

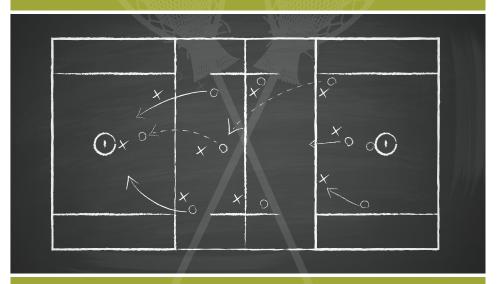
For further information or questions, please contact Joseph Avance, Higher Education Specialist, at (269) 782–0887, Polly Mitchell, Education Associate, (269) 462–4294 or Ray Bush at (xxx) xxx–xxxx.





All sessions 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Grand Valley State Unversity west outdoor turf field



Join a member of the Grand Valley National championship lacrosse team for four two-hour sessions. Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions, as clinics are structured to build progressivelyto more difficult scenarios.

These sessions are open to all native americans.

To register or for more information, call (269) 462-4290 or email dean.orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov





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### Elders Take a Bite of the Big Apple

Two busloads of nearly one hundred Pokagon elders and spouses trekked to New York City June 25 and enjoyed five days in and around the Big Apple. The group stayed in the Times Square neighborhood and experienced several excellent restaurants nearby, including a dinner cruise on New York Harbor.

Some of the highlights included going to Battery Park and ferrying over to Ellis Island to see the Statue of Liberty and tour the National Museum of the American Indian. They also visited the 9/11 Memorial and saw *Mamma Mia* on Broadway.

Some went to join the live audience one morning outside the *Good Morning America* studio in Times Square at Broadway and 44th Street, while others opted to tour the Empire State Building or shop at Macy's.

"It's our first trip, and we feel so fortunate to have met other Pokagons and shared names of our ancestors," wrote an elder following the trip. "Thank you very much to Elders Council for the fantastic trip and memories."

Another wrote, "I never would have made a trip like that on my own. Thanks for the opportunity!" One commented that he enjoyed the sites, the friendship and the great meals.

Stay tuned for future elders trips.



### Stanley Morseau Serves Elders Council as Chair

On June 23 the Election Board swore in Stanley Morseau as the new Elders Council chairman. The position had been vacant for a few months, and the Council had frequently been unable to attain quorum. To fill the vacancy in time, the code was modified so that the process followed an election

process, but allowed for Council to make an appointment, said Council secretary Audrey Huston.

Morseau will fill the chairman's seat until the next Elders Council election in November.









Potawatomi nations from across the United States and Canada will converge on Allegan County, Michigan August 4-9 at the 2014 Potawatomi Gathering. The Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band is hosting The Gathering, an opportunity for Potawatomi people to reunite as a family to strengthen culture and traditions. Register now and check out all the planned conferences, activities and events at the Gathering website:

www.potawatominations.com

### Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Sovereignty Reaffirmation

Come enjoy the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Band's restoration act and reaffirmation of Pokagon sovereignty at Rodgers Lake Saturday, September 20. Organizers are planning many twentieth anniversary touches: If you were in the Oval Office photo taken September 21, 1994, we'd like to recreate that photo at this year's Sovereignty Day event. Please contact Paige Risser at (269) 462-4283. If you have any old photos that you'd be willing to bring in to be scanned and included in a historical slide show, please contact Marcus Winchester at (269) 462-4224. Pokagon artists are invited to show/sell their work, and musicians or performers are needed to entertain during the evening hours. Please contact Melissa Rodriguez at (269) 462-4203. Dancers who would like to be a part of the opening ceremonies, please contact the Department of Language & Culture at (269) 462-4296.

### **Schedule of Events**

10 a.m. Welcome ceremony | Invocation

Until 5 p.m.: Carnival activities, rides, games, and food | Lacrosse, softball, horseshoes | Pokagon artisans work for sale | Giveaways

5–8 p.m. Performances | Light refreshments | Raffles



### **Peacemaking Initiative Takes Shape** By Kyla Martin

Talking circles have long facilitated peaceful discussions and community gatherings. The circles have been a place of equality, and now they will serve as a model for the community as it brings back a tradition from long ago: peacemaking.

The community peacemaking forum is a traditional way to resolve disputes between citizens and discuss issues that may arise within the community that do not involve the Tribal Court.

"It's to help solve the problem before it gets to that point," said Stacey Gettig, Tribal Court clerk.

Peacemaking exists worldwide in many native communities because it is the most community appropriate way to resolve disputes and conflicts. Since it is so effective with better outcomes, it has attracted the interest of legal scholars worldwide within the past couple of decades. Many other Indian tribes across the United States have revitalized it to complement the adversarial process courts which have been superimposed upon their communities. Additionally, many other court systems across the United States now require or involve some sort of alternative conflict resolution.

It utilizes ceremonial traditions, talking circles, and peacemakers to bring people involved in disputes to common ground.

On July 2, Chairman John Warren, other Council members, peacemaking Community Advisory Board members, Court personnel, and other community members gathered in the Community Center to

discuss the Pokagon Band peacemaking values, goals, processes and citizen involvement.

At this meeting, they determined potential peacemakers and training they will need, the process for utilizing peacemaking, ceremonies to be performed during peacemaking sessions, and what happens after peacemaking is used. This plan is in a draft form.

"It's been a long time, and this is a really big mi lestone for us," Gettig said, "to actually have a plan."

Chief Judge Michael Petoskey would like citizens to use peacemaking for civil disputes before coming to the Court.

"I see the community conflict resolution tool being a complement to what already exists in the Court," Petoskey said.

The Court will continue to handle criminal cases, but the Court encourages citizens to seek peacemaking for their civil disputes.

"This has always been a part of our culture," Gettig said. "This is the way things were always handled, traditionally. So it's not merely starting something new. It's really bringing something back."

American court systems focus on determining a winner and a loser, potentially destroying relationships. But peacemaking strives to preserve the tribal community and the relationships within.

"Tribal communities are relatively small, and whatever destruction or negative consequences there are from the way things are handled continue to

reverberate throughout the community long after that particular issue is resolved by the Court," Petoskey said.

Peacemakers serve as facilitators in the talking circles, and they should be culturally informed, honest, respected, have life experience, and have knowledge of available Pokagon Band programs for the participants.

Peacemakers are not judges; they do not decide the outcome. Those involved in the dispute will determine their solution. They will each set standards and be expected to adhere to those, and they will also design the consequences if they do not.

People seeking peacemaking are expected to be patient, responsive, respectful, open-minded, solutionoriented, engaged, equal, mentally present, actively listen, know there is support and alternate solutions.

"The big thing for this is not to figure out what the problem is or not to solve the problem—it's very important to do both of those—but to get the people to talk," Gettig said. "To be able to have them talk civilly is the biggest accomplishment you'll see out of this, because once you get them talking in a friendly, peaceful manner, then everything else is going to fall behind it. You're going to be able to solve the problems you need to solve."

If you'd like to be more involved in the revitalization of peacemaking in the Pokagon community, please come to the Community Center September 6 for a day of discussions and demonstrations. See the ad on page 11 of this issue for more details.

### Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Pokégnek Yajdanawa is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in Pokegnek Yajdanawa. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the fourteenth of each month. Please send items for publication to:

> Pokégnek Yajdanawa Box 180

Dowagiac, MI 49047

Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

### **Enrichment Program Makes Scout Camp Possible**

In June Justin Williams took advantage of the Department of Education's Enrichment Program and attended Boy Scout Camp for a week at Rota Kiwan in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Below are some of his reflections:

This was my first time at Boy Scout Camp. I am glad I went. I took archery, cinematography, swimming, and chess. We made our own arrows in archery. In cinematography, we did a storyboard of a movie we wanted to make, and then recorded the movie. We discussed the camera angles, too. That was a fun badge to earn. My favorite badge was chess. I really like chess and I like playing against others. It was great to play games when it was raining.



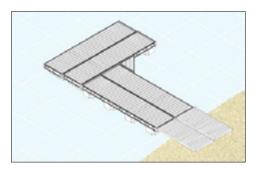
In swimming, which is an Eagle-required merit badge, we had to do an interesting activity using long pants and a long sleeve shirt. We had to get in the water wearing these over our swimsuits, and we had to use them as inflatable devices to keep us floating. We took off the long pants and then pinched shut the leg openings, and blew air into the waistband to create a floatation device. It can also be done with the shirt by closing off the arms and waist and blowing air into the neck.

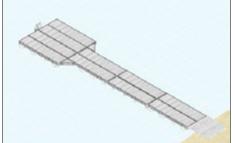
Thank you for letting me have this adventure!

### Gage Street Lake Access Improved with Two New Docks

If you visit Gage Lake in August, you'll have easier entrance to the water thanks to two new docks. The main dock will be replaced and a second dock will be added to the boat launch area. Both docks will be complete with vinyl decking, and the main dock will feature a swimming ladder. Installation is scheduled to begin July 28.

The docks will be installed by Lifts Ladders and Docks, a division of Accu-Mold Inc. Accu-Mold is owned by the tribe's economic development entity, Mno-Bmadsen. Enjoy the lake and its new docks!





### Campers Enjoy their Time at Rodgers Lake







Culture Camp hosted more than 100 kids during its two weeks of learning and adventuring. Middle schoolers filled the Rodgers Lake campgrounds the first week, and junior and senior high school students took over the week after.

Campers battled in tug-of-war and warrior games; they paddled through Gage Street Lake. The kids took part in daily sessions in which they discovered geocaching treasures, learned the art of beading, studied financial techniques, and much more.

At the end of each week, campers received awards, some silly and some serious. The kids were all smiles those two weeks, and they each left with an experience they won't soon forget.

What did your child enjoy the most about Culture Camp? Let us know or post some pics at www.facebook.com/pokagonband.



# ETURN TO THE WOO

2014 HUNTER SAFETY CERTIFICATION

October 10–12

Friday 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Sunday** 9:00 a.m. –3:30 p.m. Rodgers Lake campground

The Pokagon Band would like to invite all Pokagon Band citizens and JOM youth interested in obtaining the State of Michigan hunters safety certification to our third annual 'Return to the Woods' campaign. The Pokagon Band youth will be sponsoring another year of hunter's safety certification classes. Please join us as we take the initial steps necessary to obtain a Michigan hunting license.

All meals and lodging will be provided to the Hunter's Safety participants. We will

a copy of their completed application and documentation forms

💰 a sleeping bag or blanket

🖈 PRIZES AND PARTICIPATION GIFTS WILL BE AWARDED THROUGHOUT THE EVENT! 🖈

Please **R.S.V.P. by October 3, 2014** to reserve your spot in the Hunters Safety Certification classes. R.S.V.P. to Dean.Orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov or (269) 462-4290.

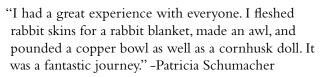


### **Drummond Island Trip Strengthens Ties, Culture**

Early this July, 38 Pokagon Band representatives traveled north to Drummond Island, a small island sitting on the north edge of Lake Huron, to take part in the Great Lakes Traditional Arts Gathering.

The week was about reviving and learning about traditions of the past. Participants experienced traditional arts and crafts of the Great Lakes region, as well as enjoyed the natural beauty of the island.





"A few things I enjoyed the most during my trip to Drummond Island were seeing the youth I accompanied enjoy everyday. One of the days there, we went on a canoe trip and I heard one of the youth say 'we are in paradise.' Another day we saw a bald eagle. For some of the youth, this was the first time they saw a bald eagle. The look on their faces when they were looking at the bald eagle was priceless. The youth I was with as well as myself were and are truly appreciative of this opportunity given to us." –Dan Stohrer



"It was a very enjoyable trip. The Drummond Island Resort Lodge was probably the neatest accommodations I have ever stayed at. It was definitely North Woods atmosphere. The teachings I attended were very well presented by knowledgeable instructors. I see the whole trip as a great opportunity for our youth to learn our heritage. I would recommend this trip again." -Chet Swisher

"I relearned how to make baskets and made my first one since I was eight. I found it very rewarding as my grandma made baskets, and I hope she would be proud or happy I made a basket."—Corinne Kasper



"I had a great time. I enjoyed spending time with our tribal members learning traditional teachings and more about the old ways of living. Everyone seemed to learn something new to them in one way or another. There was a huge sense of unity and kinship between our members that went, and I feel experiences like this will help solidify a stronger sense of culture and allow us to bring back some of the teachings that many have forgotten." -Eric Shaer

### Many Take a Healthy Step with Education

### By Susan Doyle, education associate

The 3rd annual A Healthy Step with Education had a great turnout at the Community Center June 21. Eighty-five people joined the Departments of Education and Health Services for a day of health screenings, preparations for the upcoming school year and fun with dancing, lacrosse, the fire department, face painting and a bounce house. We were lucky to have Rizing Bear drum for the attendees, Andy Jackson lead tobacco teachings, and Katy Morseau–Rader demonstrate the craft of beading bracelets and necklaces. Migwetch to all those who worked and came to this event.







# Summer of Wellness: A healthy lifestyle starts with one choice. Make yours today.

With all the different avenues for active and healthy living the Pokagon Band provides, you can choose what fits you best to make this journey your own. Whether you are seeking more exercise such as Zumba or a hike through a state park, or you want to break an addiction—we have what you need to meet your goals. Visit here to stay up to date on all the opportunities: www.pokagonband-nsn. gov/government/departments/health-services/clinical-services-and-programs/community-health for more details.

#### Kick the habit. Become a former smoker.

Another smoking cessation class starts August 13 at 6 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Lorraine Grewett at (269) 782-4570.

#### Hike Van Buren State Park

This summer, Elizabeth Leffler has planned three naturalist-guided hikes through the trails at Van Buren State Park. Each new hike increases with intensity, so catch the next one and build your endurance as you enjoy the beauty surrounding the trail. See the calendar for the time and dates and to sign up.

You can also receive free day passes to Michigan State Parks. Contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406 for passes. This is on a first come, first served basis. Or try your local library branch; they often have free day passes to check out.

### Join Southwestern Michigan College's gym at a discount

Southwestern Michigan College offers a \$150 yearly membership to groups of twenty. When enough people sign up and pay a head of time, the discount is applied. Contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462–4406 to be put on the waiting list, and she will inform you when a group of twenty has formed.

### Walk the Red Road to Recovery

This group meets Tuesday and Friday evenings at the Behavioral Health office. Call Daun Bieda at (269) 462-4432 for more information.

### Compete against other tribes in the Walking Works Challenge

Visit Walking Works.com, a Blue Cross Blue Shield program designed to help you take steps to better health. This website will let you track your activity on a daily basis and see how you progress week by week as you add walking and other activities to your daily routine. Plus, register as a part of the Pokagon Band's team to compete with other Michigan tribes and win prizes for enhanced wellness programs. When you go through the registration process, choose Michigan Blue Cross Blue Shield as your plan, then the 2014 Tribe to Tribe Community Challenge for your group and program, and then Pokagon Band as your team. Track your progress each time you walk, bike or exercise, and see how our team stacks up against the other competitors.

### Learn lacrosse at Grand Valley State University's west outdoor turf field

Join a member of the Grand Valley national championship lacrosse team for four two-hour sessions August 5 and 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions, as clinics are structured to build progressively to more difficult scenarios. Open to all Native Americans. To register or for more information, call Dean Orvis at (269) 462-4290 or e-mail Dean.Orvis@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

### Zumba, Zumba, Zumba!

Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center, come to the high-energy, low-impact, Latin dance inspired workout that gets you moving and burning calories with simple, repetitious routines.

### Practice yoga

Each Monday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Community Center, increase your flexibility, range of motion and balance while lowering stress with the practice of yoga.

### Have a leaner lunch

Every Tuesday and Thursday, Dean Orvis leads citizens and staff through a 25 minute workout. On Tuesdays, the workout revolves around leg strength, and the Thursday workouts focus on upper body strength. Meet in the campground pavilion at 12:15 p.m. to get started.



## Purple Shawl Project: Dancers Invited

Sunday, August 17 1:00-5:00 p.m. Community Center

27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac, MI 49047

If you have made a shawl for the Purple Shawl Project, please join us at the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow August 30 and 31.

Our goal is to one day have the dance arena filled with Purple Shawl dancers. These are honor dances—no fancy dancing required!

The next Purple Shawl meeting is August 17 from 1–5 p.m. at the Community Center. Please join us if you are a woman and would like to start a shawl for you and/or your daughter or if you need to finish one. Please bring a dish to pass.

More details on the times for the Purple Shawl dances at the Pow Wow will follow in the next newsletter and on the Pokagon Band Facebook page.

If you have any questions about the Purple Shawl project, please contact Lisa Downing or Marchell Wesaw at (269) 462-4200.

Pokégnek Bodéwadmik



Saturday, September 13, 2014 10:00am – 12:00pm ₩ Gage Street house, Dowagiac, MI

This is a support group for parents and guardians raising Nishnabe youth within our Pokagon community. Lunch will be provided.

We will create an authentic craft to benefit our families.

To reserve your spot, or for more information, please call the Department of Language and Culture at (269) 462-4325.

It takes a village to raise a child.

### Dreamcatchers, Pokagon Summer Enrichment Program, in Full Swing

What used to be called summer school at Pokagon Band is now called Dreamcatchers, but much more has changed than the name. Native youth in K–12th grades can now experience an intensive four week summer program as well as year round mentorship opportunities, including field trips, SAT/ACT preparation, college prep tutoring, and other services.

Dreamcatchers incorporates Pokagon history and culture to deepen tribal identity and promote awareness to others in the surrounding community. The course is based on a Tribal Sovereignty curriculum developed by the Pokagon Band and is supplemented with curriculum from Chi Ishobak, Four Winds Casino, and local higher education organizations. Experiential learning like field trips allows students to explore career fields in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The curriculum is based on four main topics: Reclaiming our Identity, Rethinking History, Self-Determination, and Moving Forward.

"This is a true enrichment experience," said Sam Morseau, education director. "With outside presenters and field trips, the kids aren't simply sitting in a classroom. It blends academic, career planning, and STEM with culture."

For example, the students went to Binder Park Zoo in Battle Creek recently, but before they left language coordinator Rhonda Purcell lead them in a Potawatomi language lesson on animals that included coloring books and repetition. Then at the Zoo she and other leaders reinforced the lesson during the visit, to make it a true immersion experience.

Students will experience the Air Zoo, Healthworks, Fernwood and the Dowagiac Area History Museum before the end of the summer. The program takes place Monday through Thursday, July 7–August 1 at the Pokagon Band Head Start Building from 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.







### Pokagon Students Serve Tribe, Gain Experience during Summer Internship

Twenty-two Pokagon college students are learning about specific jobs and experiencing a day in the life of an employee through internships with the tribal government this summer. The eight week internship began June 9 and lasts until August 1.

Each experience is different, depending on the intern's skills and the department's needs. Ron Puruleski is working on an inventory project for the Finance Department this summer. Some of the interns in the Department of Education created and taught STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) lessons for Culture Campers in June.

"The fire extinguisher experiment was the best one; it really made them think," said Amber Morseau. "I had a lot of fun sharing that day with the kids."

"Exploding chalk bombs was a favorite among the younger campers. They loved mixing or adding the color then watching the bag explode," said Kateri Banghart. "The science behind it was also really easy to explain, which helped keep the kids involved and engaged in the activity."

Several were able to travel to Anchorage, Alaska for the National Congress of American Indians midyear conference, to Drummond Island for a traditional arts and lifeways gathering, or to Washington D.C. for cultural demonstrations at the National Museum of the American Indian. Other interns are working in the Departments of Language and Culture, Human Resources, Natural Resources, Tribal Court, Tribal Police, Health Services, and Social Services. The interns also are working on projects together as a group; pictured here, they are sharing details with the high school Dreamcatcher students about goal setting training they attended at Four Winds.

### Riddle

Mail in your correct answer or email it to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov in the Department of Education and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card.WAIT... another way to win is to mail or email your own riddle and the person whose riddle is selected for the next newsletter will win a gift card. Last month's riddle winner is **Crystal Winfield**, who answered "How did the big mountain know that the little mountain was fibbing?"

The answer is "because it was only a bluff."

Emily Serba submitted a new riddle and she has also won a gift card. Check it out! What asks no questions, but gets lots of answers?

### Notice of Open Position | Health Board

The Pokagon Band is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens interested in serving on the Pokagon Band Health Board. The Tribal Council will fill multiple seats on the Health Board for members whose term has expired.

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** As provided in Section 2 of the Health Board Ordinance, the Health Board is organized for the purpose of:

Assisting the Pokagon Band Health Services Department in the preparation of a comprehensive health plan for the community. The Health Board works jointly with the Director of Health Services to assess the health needs of the Pokagon Band community and to prioritize services to assure that those needs are being met;

- I. Assisting with the development and review of fair, ethical and proper policies for the delivery of health services to eligible clients;
- 2. Deciding which medical procedures will be covered by limited funding and establishing medical and dental priorities within those procedures;
- 3. Implementing when necessary, a Contract Health Committee under Indian Health Services guidelines to oversee the quality and quantity of care delivered through Community Health Service funds;
- 4. Serving as an appeals board for health services delivery issues in accordance with the requirements of the Health Board Ordinance; and
- 5. Providing such other information or engaging in such further health services related activities as Tribal Council may direct.

## **ADDITIONAL DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH BOARD.** Each Health Board Member shall:

- 1. Be responsible for being informed in Pokagon Band Health Services and Indian Health Services policies and procedures as they relate to duties called for under this Ordinance;
- 2. Make a good-faith effort to attend all Health Board meetings; and
- 3. Maintain the strictest of confidentiality standards in carrying out the duties established by this Ordinance. Each Board Member must sign and abide by a statement acknowledging the standards of confidentiality required for serving as a Board Member, as outlined in Section 4 of the Health Board Ordinance. Board Members shall sign such a statement upon appointment and renew such statement whenever reappointed.

**TIME COMMITMENT.** The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Board meetings and perform the business of the Health Board will vary. The dates and times of Health Board meetings vary, but they typically occur every

### **Activities for Women in the Community**

The Department of Social Services has been sponsoring various activities for women in the community. If you are interested in attending any of these events please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonbandnsn.gov. Space for these events may be limited so contact Casey as soon as you can. These events are to give women in the community a chance to participate in cultural activities, get to know one another, and have fun.

### Women's Traditional Dance Class scheduled for August 4, 2014

Are you interested in learning how to dance? Cleora Morseau will be teaching a Women's Traditional Dance Class on August 4, 2014 from 3 PM- 5 PM. If you are interested in attending please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.This class is for women only and spaces are extremely limited.

### Old Style Potawatomi Rattle Class Scheduled for August 5, 2014

The Department of Social Services is hosting an Old Style Potawatomi Rattle Making class taught by Joy Duff on August 5, 2014. The class is for women only and spaces are extremely limited. If you are interested in attending please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov to RSVP.

### Purple Shawl Workshop

The next Purple Shawl workshop will be held on Sunday, August 17, 2014 from 1–5 at the Community Center. Please bring a dish to pass. You do not have to be an experienced seamstress to attend, but if you are please feel free to bring your sewing supplies and expertise. Shawl material and fringe are provided. This has been an excellent project for women in the community to raise awareness for domestic violence and support those who have experienced violence. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Marchell Wesaw or Lisa Downing at (269) 782–8998 for more information.

second and fourth Monday of each month, at 5:00 p.m., at the Band's Administration Building. On average, a Board member can anticipate a time commitment of approximately four – six hours per month.

**COMPENSATION.** Members of the Health Board are compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$150 per meeting (the Health Board member may receive additional compensation if he or she is the Chairperson or an Officer of the Health Board). In addition, Health Board members shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties in accordance with Section 17 of the Health Board Ordinance.

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** Appointments to the Health Board are made by the Tribal Council. Heath Board members serve a two-year term of office.

**ELIGIBILITY TO SERVE ON THE HEALTH BOARD.** In order to be eligible for appointment to the Health Board, one must:

- I. Be a Pokagon Band Citizen;
- 2. Not have an immediate family member currently serving on the Health Board; and
- 3. Not be an employee of the Band's Department of Health Services

**HOW TO APPLY.** If you are interested in being considered for appointment to the Health Board, you must provide a written statement of interest along with a current resume with your name, address, and telephone number to:

Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary P.O. Box 180 Dowagiac, Michigan 49047

Questions concerning the Health Board may be directed to Matt Clay, Chairman of the Health Board, at (269) 462-4250, or matt.clay@pokagonband-nsn.gov. The Health Board Ordinance is also available online.

Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Health Board pursuant to any previous posting announcing a vacancy, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Health Board, you must reapply as provided in this notice.

**ETHICS REQUIREMENTS.** As Public Officials, Members of the Health Board are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics is available online at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

The posting shall be open until filled.

### Request for Tribal Artists

The Domestic Violence Awareness Team and Department of Social Services are looking for a Pokagon Band artist to help with painting a mural that will be enhanced by the community during Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October. This completed project will be showcased in the Department of Social Services family visitation room and will highlight the cultural significance of love and respect for one another. The theme of the design will be established by the DVAT. The artist selected will be gifted a small honorarium.

If you are interested in participating please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov by Friday, August 15, 2014 at 5:00 PM.

### **Presenters Wanted**

The Department of Social Services is looking for female presenters to run small, monthly cultural presentations and workshops. We ask that you focus your presentation on healthy relationships, respect, and the importance of women in the community. All presenters will be paid for up to two hours of work, in addition to mileage and supply reimbursement.

If you have any additional questions or are interested in getting involved please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or via email at casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

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# Council Expresses Sympathy at Robert Memberto's Passing

During their July 7 meeting, Tribal Council sent condolences to the Little River Ottawa community after hearing of the death of 42 year-old Robert Memberto, the director of commerce with the tribal government in Manistee. Robert was an Army veteran, a member of the tribal Warrior Society and had overseen the development of a Trading Post, housing construction, roads programs and sewer/utility department development.

Robert had served in this capacity for Little River for a number of years, and before that worked in the Grand Traverse Bay Band Economic Development Department for nine years as executive director. For several years, Robert was a lobbyist in Lansing working on behalf of Little River.

Robert leaves behind his wife Shelley and seven children. A traditional fire was lit and kept for four days. A pipe ceremony was held in the tribe's ceremonial lodge. A service and feast were held Wednesday, July 9.

### **Natural Resources Suggestions Welcomed**

If you have input on a project, new initiative or decision by the Department of Natural Resources, you can now share it through the DNR homepage. You can find this new suggestion tool by following the link below.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/natural-resources

# Tribal Court Improvement Project Grant Seeking Input from Citizens on the Pokagon Band Child Protection System

In October 2012, the Pokagon Band was awarded a three-year Tribal Court Improvement Project (TCIP) grant from the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, a division of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. During the inaugural round of funding, the Pokagon Band was one of only seven tribal awardees nationally. One key component of the TCIP project is to complete an assessment of Pokagon Band child welfare system regarding Indian Child Welfare Act cases in State courts and child protection cases in the Pokagon Band Tribal Court.

In order to gather insight from as diverse a group as possible, we would like to talk with adults (over the age of 18) who have had either direct or indirect contact with the child welfare system. We would like to learn about your observations regarding system strengths and weaknesses, along with your suggestions for system improvement. We can meet either in person or by phone, and you have the option to remain anonymous. The information gathered from the meeting will be anonymously summarized and your information will not be linked to you in any way. We anticipate the meeting to take approximately 1 hour.

If you're willing to participate, please contact Kristen DeVall (Tribal Court Improvement Project Coordinator) at (269) 329-8643.

### Kick the Habit: Become a Former Smoker

We have options to help Pokagon citizens, their spouses and staff. Talk to your Pokagon health care provider or contact the Pokagon pharmacy at (269) 782-4570. Or consider joining one of the upcoming Freedom from Smoking classes:

Start Date	Time	Quit Date	Finish Date	Location
August 13	6 p.m.	September 3	September 24	To be determined



Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education

### **Career Workshop**

Saturday, July 12 10:00 am – 2:00pm Saturday, September 13 10:00 am – 2:00pm

Gateways to Employment

Changing Careers: Reinventing Oneself

Adult Pokagon citizens are invited to join instructor Lanre Ajayi in the Education Training Room. We will provide adult tribal citizens with child care, gas cards to cover transportation to and from workshop, and a \$30 gift card to the movies. Treat yourself after doing something good for your future!

As space and child care assistance is limited, please pre-register by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday prior (July 10 and September 10) at (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220.





Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education

## Computer Classes

Saturday, June 14, 2014 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saturday, August 9, 2014 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

MS PowerPoint/Publisher

Review

Adult Pokagon citizens are invited to join instructor Chad Dee in the Education Computer Learning Lab.

Please pre-register by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday (June 11 for MS PowerPoint/Publisher and August 6 for Review classes) by calling (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220 to receive a gas card and arrange any needed child care for ages 2-14.

This project is made possible by a grant from •



### Notice of Open Position | Mno-Bmadsen Board of Director Position

**INTRODUCTION TO MNO-BMADSEN.** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council established Mno-Bmadsen, an autonomous tribally-chartered entity of the Pokagon Band, whose purpose is to engage in economic development activities on behalf of the Pokagon Band. This entity has set aside a significant investment to be strategically invested for the tribe. Mno-Bmadsen is managed by a seven (7) member Board of Directors and is currently seeking a person for one (1) open position. A copy of the Mno-Bmadsen Charter is available at http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/business-community/mno-bmadsen.

**ELIGIBILITY.** In addition to the qualifications set forth below, no more than two (2) Board members may be non-citizens of the Pokagon Band.

**QUALIFICATIONS.** All Directors must meet the following qualifications:

- 1. Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age; and
- 2. Have a high school diploma, high school equivalency diploma, or general education development certificate; and
- 3. Have either: (1) a minimum of ten (10) years of experience in private sector management, business administration, accounting, or law, or (2) (a) a minimum of five (5) years of experience in private sector management, business administration, accounting, or law, and (b) a bachelor's degree; and
- 4. Have the ability to exercise sound judgment in matters related to the objectives of Mno-Bmadsen; and
- 5. Have a knowledge or a willingness to acquire knowledge of Pokagon history and culture; and
- 6. Not have been convicted within the last ten (10) years of a crime subject to imprisonment for a term of one (1) year or longer, excepting those crimes

- determined by the Tribal Council to relate to the furtherance of the Band's tribal sovereignty rights; and
- 7. Have demonstrated personal and professional integrity, honesty and adherence to high ethical standards; and
- 8. Have a commitment to understand Mno-Bmadsen and all of its business activities and to participate fully in meetings of the Board of Directors.

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS AND LENGTH OF TERM.** Vacancies on the Board shall be filled by nomination of the Board of Directors and appointment of Tribal Council.

**TIME COMMITMENT.** The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Board meetings will vary, but it is anticipated that a minimum of 120 hours per year will be required for preparing for and attending meetings. The Board will meet at least once per month and more often, if needed

**COMPENSATION.** This is not a full time position and Board members will not be eligible for any Pokagon Band employee benefits. Directors shall receive a stipend at a rate established by resolution of the Tribal Council and reimbursement for actual and reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

**HOW TO APPLY.** To be considered for appointment to the Board, please forward your resume and a letter of interest along with a completed application in PDF format to: teri.barber@mno-bmadsen.com, The application may be found at www.mno-bmadsen.com under the "News" tab.



Join the Pokagon Band's Community Advisory Board to help revitalize traditional peacemaking as an important way of life for our people.

Witness a peacemaking circle.

Learn why and how native peacemaking concepts and principles to resolve conflicts and disputes can be part of this community's future.

Meet peacemaking facilitators Ada Pecos-Melton, Paul Raphael and JoAnne Gasco.

 $Lunch\ is\ provided.\ Contact\ Stacey\ Gettig,\ Peace making\ Initiative\ Support\ Staff,\ at\ (269)\ 783-0505\ or\ stacey.gettig@pokagonband-nsn.gov.$ 

This Project was supported by Grant No. 2011-IC-BX-0002 awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Bureau of Justice Assistance is a component of the Office of Justice Programs, which also includes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile and Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Office for Victims of Crime, the Community Capacity Development Office, and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking. Points of view or opinions in this document are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the offcial position or policies of the U.S.A. Department of Justice.



JULY 28, 2014 11:00 - 2:30P.M. COMMUNITY CENTER

This event is for high school graduates, community college, four-year university students, and those who desire to attend vocational programs or college in the fall and have NOT completed the scholarship application.

Topics covered:

- © Complete scholarship application/learn of new deadlines
- FAFSA work shop
- complete book stipend direct deposit form
- **№** Vocational scholarship information

Lunch and refreshments will be served to participants. Prizes! You must be present to win.

For further information or questions, please contact Joseph Avance, Higher Education Specialist, at (269) 782–0887, Polly Mitchell, Education Associate, (269) 462–4294 or Ray Bush at (269) 782–0887.



Buffalo Stuffed Peppers Au Gratin Potatoes Asparagus Fruit Salad Cornbread	æ	Sea Bass Rice Pilaf Corn on the Cob Coleslaw Fruit Roll	15	Buffalo Burger Macaroni Salad Relish and Veggie Tray Dessert	22	Boiled Dinner W/ Beans, Sausage, Cabbage, Onion, Corn, and Potatoes Garden Salad Cornbread	29	Beer Battered Haddock Spanish Rice Garden Salad Green Beans Roll Dessert
photo by nomadic lass	7 business	Meatballs W// Beef Gravy & Noodles Carrots Garden Salad Fruit Roll Birthday Cake	4_	Vegetable Soup Egg Salad Sandwich Relish Tray Fruit Salad	21 social luncheon	Ham and Scalloped Potatoes Butternut Squash Spinach Salad Yogurt W/ Fruit Cup Roll	28	Chicken Breast in Gravy Mashed Potatoes Mixed Veggies Garden Salad Roll
	9	Sloppy Joe Baked Chips Relish and Veggie Tray Peanut Butter Cookie	<u>~</u>	Sausage, Sauerkraut, and Mashed Potatoes Tomato Salad Pumpkin Pie Roll	20	Baked Chicken Mashed Sweet Potatoes Peas Jell-O W/ Fruit Roll	27	BBQ Pork Chop Baked Potato Spinach Garden Salad Dessert Roll
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PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE if you are not a regular attendee for meals. (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 Noon. Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers. Business meetings are held at the Community Center. Business and social luncheons are potlucks. Please bring a dish to pass.

## Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

To maintain effective communications, it is critical that citizens keep their addresses—and those of their children—updated. Many addresses currently in our system are out of date or undeliverable. If you move, please let the enrollment office know as soon as possible, and have your and your dependent's address updated. If your bank account is closed, we mail a live check to you in the next Per Capita check run. If your address is undeliverable, you will not receive this check until you have updated your address.

Contact enrollment coordinator Beth Edelberg at (888)782-1001 to change your address.

### Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment Office at (269) 782–1763 or Barb Vincent in the Finance Department at (269) 462–4209.

			Christmas						
Enrollment #	Name	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Monthly Per Cap		
83	John Dylan Watson	х	х	х	х	х			
202	Jeffrey Morseau					х	Х		
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	х	х	х	х	х	Х		
857	Peter John Ramirez	х	х	x	x	х			
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	х	х	х	х	х			
1986	Cristian M Cobb			х	х	х	Х		
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		х	х	х	х	Х		
4442	Mason Tyler Currey					х			

Please note - you must have a deliverable address on file.

### Attention 18- to 20-Year-Olds | Per Capita Information

Attention all high school seniors who are graduating from high school or individuals who may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Attn: Enrollment Office P O Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047 OR fax to: (269) 782-1964

The document must be received by September 15 in order to make it on the October 2014 check run. Anything received after September 15 will be processed on the check run for November. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

### Pokagon Health Services Announces Extended Hours

The Pokagon Health Clinic will offer extended hours once a week each Thursday evening starting January 9, 2014. Should extended hours become a big hit, staff will look at adding extended hours on more days of the week.

Thursday night extended hours will go until 7:00 p.m., but transportation won't be offered. Please call (269) 782-4141 for appointments during extended hours, or if you have any questions.

### Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, December 6, 2013	Thursday, December 19, 2013	Friday, December 20, 2013
Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Thursday, January 30, 2014	Friday, January 31, 2014
Friday, February 14, 2014	Thursday, February 27, 2014	Friday, February 28, 2014
Friday, March 14, 2014	Thursday, March 27 2014	Friday, March 28, 2014
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Tuesday, April 29, 2014	Wednesday, April 30, 2014
Thursday, May 15, 2014	Thursday, May 29, 2014	Friday, May 30, 2014
Friday, June 13, 2014	Thursday, June 26, 2014	Friday, June 27, 2014
Tuesday, July 15, 2014	Wednesday, July 30, 2014	Thursday, July 31, 2014
Friday, August 15, 2014	Thursday, August 28, 2014	Friday, August 29, 2014
Monday, September 15, 2014	Monday, September 29, 2014	Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Wednesday, October 15, 2014	Thursday, October 30, 2014	Friday, October 31, 2014
Monday, November 3, 2014*	Tuesday, November 25, 2014	Wed, November 26, 2014

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that in December the deadline to receive changes is December 6 and November the deadline to receive changes is November 3, this is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

### Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

For those tribal citizens receiving per capita checks in the mail and who do not have direct deposit, enclosed with your check you will find a direct deposit and a tax withholding form. These will be included with your check every month until we achieve 100% direct deposits.

The tribe is currently having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe is offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. We are making efforts to give everyone a chance to set up a bank account of your choice and on your own.

As always, the tax withholding form is not mandatory although highly suggested as per capita payments are subject to federal and state taxes. The tribe only withholds federal taxes with a completed form, state taxes are the responsibility of the citizen.

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. Both of the above stated forms are available online at www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as I receive it by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as I do not receive any errors from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

### **Tribal Council August Calendar of Events**

- 4 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 5 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 11 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 12 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 16 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 18 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 19 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 25 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 26 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

### **Tribal Council September Calendar of Events**

- I Office Closed in Observation of Labor Day holiday
- 2 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 8 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 9 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 13 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 15 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 16 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 22 Office Closed in Observation of Sovereignty Day holiday
- 26 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 27 Quarterly Meeting (TENTATIVE), 10 a.m.
- 29 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 30 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.



Thursday, June 19 Thursday, July 24 Thursday, August 21

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Join us at Michigan's beautiful Van Buren State Park for hikes led by a park naturalist. The June hike will be slow paced. July's and August's hikes will increase in length and difficulty. Come for one, or come for all, and enjoy being outside and active this summer.

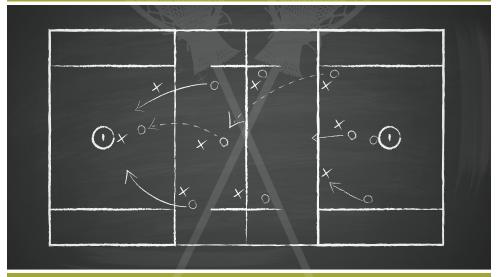
For more information or to register, contact Elizabeth Leffler at Elizabeth. Leffler @Pokagonband-nsn.gov.





## Lacrosse Clinics

July 22 & 24 and August 5 & 7, 2014
All sessions 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Grand Valley State Unversity west outdoor turf field



Join a member of the Grand Valley National championship lacrosse team for four two-hour sessions. Participants are encouraged to attend all four sessions, as clinics are structured to build progressivelyto more difficult scenarios.

These sessions are open to all native americans

To register or for more information, call (269) 462-4290 or email dean.orvis@pokagonband-nsn.gov



### **Tribal Office Directory**

Administration Information Technology 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998 Toll Free (800) 517-0777 FAX (269) 782-6882

Commodities (269) 782-3372 Toll Free (888) 281-1111 FAX (269) 782-7814

Communications 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998

Compliance 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998

Chi Ishobak 415 E Prairie Ronde Street (269) 783-4157

**Education and Training** 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-0887 Toll Free (888) 330-1234 FAX (269) 782-0985

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### **Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted**

Both Senior and Junior Youth Councils are open to any Pokagon youngster. Anyone can join, and eventually run for the executive board. Besides the age divisions, there are differences between the two groups. The Junior Youth Council provides a voice for native youth between the ages of 12 and 18. The Council promotes the development of future tribal leaders through educational attainment and Potawatomi language, culture, pride, and identity. The Junior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for native youth to interact for fun and friendship.

The Senior Youth Council provides a voice for Pokagon citizens between the ages of 18 and 24. The Senior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for Pokagon young adults to interact for fun and friendship. The Council mobilizes members toward positive goals, promotes the development of future tribal leaders and educates native youth about tribal government.

### Minké gises August Citizen Announcements



Look who's ONE and a bundle of fun!! Happy 1st birthday **BO**!

We Love You, Mom and Dad



Someone special, someone dear someone new to love is here!

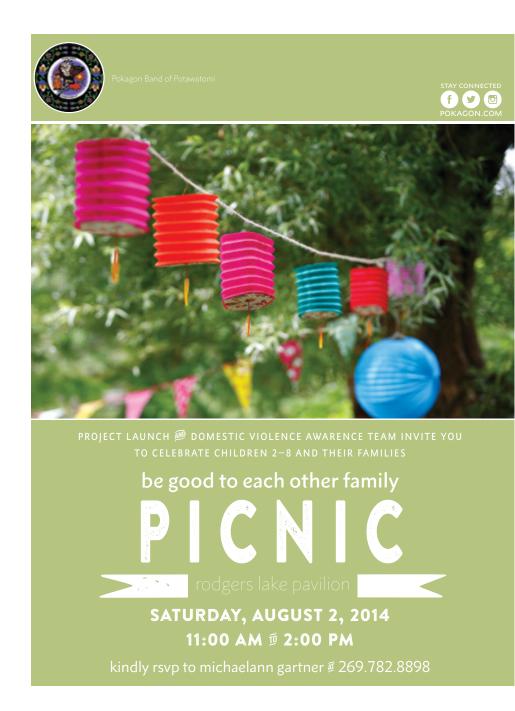
Announcing the arrival of **Adalyn Marie Kime** 

Born on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, 8:29PM

8 lbs. 6 oz., 19 ½ inches

Proud Parents, Anthony (AJ) and Jenny Kime

Proud Grandparents: Wayne and Karen Kime, Mark and Marcie Brewster. Proud Uncles and Aunt: Pete Trela, Allison Kime, Brent Brewster





Head Elder **Clarence White** Pokagon Potawatomi Head Veteran **George Martin** Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe MC **Carl Wesaw** Pokagon Potawatomi

Water ceremony conducted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Women

Drums

**Blue Wolf** Sarnia, Ontario **Ribbon Town** South Bend, Indiana

Honored Guest **Doris Boissoneau** 

All tribal eagle staffs, family eagle staffs, Native American organizational eagle staffs are invited. All approved eagle staff carriers will be compensated with a room and a stipend; advance registration required.

To register eagle staff carriers or request information, contact Anthony Foerster at (269) 783-6653 or anthony.foerster@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Camping available; registration required. To register, contact Melissa Rodriguez at (269) 462-4203 or melissa.rodriguez@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Additional information available at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.





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### Pokagons Place Third at Michigan Indian Family Olympics

Over seventy Pokagon community members young and old participated in the 2014 Michigan Indian Family Olympics at Central Michigan University July 18. Thanks to a great showing from athletes in events ranging from the 100 meter run to archery to the sponge relay, the Pokagon team captured third place with 199 points. First place went to event organizers and hosts Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe with 725 points, and the Gun Lake Tribe grabbed second with 234 points. Huron Potawatomi, Grand Traverse Band, Little Traverse Bay Band and Little River Band, in that order, rounded out the rest of the field.

The Pokagon team was in charge of running the 19 and over long jump event. "We greatly appreciate how each tribe

was involved in helping with an area of this large event," said Jaden Harman, event organizer and fitness coordinator for the Saginaw Chippewa's Nimkee Memorial Fitness Center. "Thank you for bringing so many individuals to this awesome event. It makes a great difference in the native communities throughout the state."

The group chartered a bus to Mt. Pleasant, and had a fun at the group dinners and the water park hotel during their stay. Some even hung around after one dinner to play Healthy Jeopardy, a specialized version of the game show. In order to qualify for participating in the Olympics, citizens were asked to take part in at least three training events, held throughout the winter and spring.





# Pediatric Patients at Memorial Hospital Benefit from Four Winds Invitational

The Pokagon Band presented a donation of \$77,500 to Memorial Children's Hospital August 6. The donation, which is from proceeds of the 2014 Four Winds Invitational and the 5K Run and Fitness Walk, will be used to purchase Giraffe Warmers for the Newborn Intensive Care Unit. Giraffe Warmers are used to support the development of newborns by providing a temperature-controlled and protective environment.

"We are pleased that the success of the Four Winds Invitational has enabled us to donate \$187,000 to Memorial Children's Hospital over the past three years," said John P. Warren, chairman of the Pokagon Band. "This year's donation of \$77,500 will further enhance the neonatal services provided to local residents, including the 500 Pokagon citizens currently living in Indiana."

"Each day, the lives of our smallest and most fragile patients are touched and nourished by the work done in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit at Memorial Children's Hospital," says Michaeleen Conlee, R.N., executive director of Women & Children's Services. "We are so appreciative of the continued commitment of the Pokagon Band and the Four Winds Invitational. Their support is absolutely crucial, and allows us to provide the very best care to families when they need us the most."

The 2014 Four Winds Invitational was held from Friday, June 20 through Sunday, June 22, at Blackthorn Golf Club in South Bend, Ind. The tournament featured a field of professional women golfers from around the world competing on the Symetra Tour – Road to the LPGA. Nicole Vandermade finished 12 under and won the 2014 tournament.





### Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Sovereignty Reaffirmation

Come enjoy the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Band's restoration act and reaffirmation of Pokagon sovereignty at Rodgers Lake Saturday, September 20. Organizers are planning many twentieth anniversary touches: If you were in the Oval Office photo taken September 21, 1994, we'd like to recreate that photo at this year's Sovereignty Day event. Please contact Paige Risser at (269) 462-4283. If you have any old photos that you'd be willing to bring in to be scanned and included in a historical slide show, please contact Marcus Winchester at (269) 462-4224. Pokagon artists are invited to show/sell their work. Please contact Melissa Rodriguez at (269) 462-4203. Dancers who would like to be a part of the opening ceremonies, please contact the Department of Language & Culture at (269) 462-4296.

#### **Schedule of Events**

10 a.m. Welcome ceremony | Invocation

Until 5 p.m.: Carnival activities, rides, games, and food | Pokagon artisans work for sale | Giveaways

5–8 p.m. Entertainment | Light refreshments | Raffles



### Infant Mental Health Now Offered from Behavioral Health Program

### By Kyla Martin

Shaun West is one of the Band's behavioral health counselors, and his area of expertise just moved down an age group.

Infant Mental Health (IMH) is a developing area of mental health, which centers on children still in the womb to age 5. The purpose of IMH is to ensure a healthy, or secure, attachment between a baby and his or her primary caregiver.

"A lot of therapy is reactive—people come to therapy after a bad situation happens," West said. "When we're dealing with this population, this age group, it's really preventative. We're helping before something big can go wrong."

IMH began in Michigan, and the state continues to lead in its development, partially thanks to The Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health (MI-AIMH), where West received his IMH endorsement.

This organization focuses on building public awareness of infant mental health needs, giving people the capacity to meet those needs, and structurally making IMH possible through policy-making and other avenues.

Pokagon Band citizens now have access to a mental health specialist and can receive care in this area.

"We can reach a different level of need," said Daun Bieda, behavioral health coordinator. "We can reach those individuals who have never been seen before. Those barren parents, pregnant parents, parents who have just given birth and so forth. We have a specialized treatment now that can assist with postpartum depression, that can assist with children with colic."

The age group specified for IMH is very young, but treatment reaches from the child to the primary care giver because of their interconnected relationship, West explained.

"It's all about the child because we're talking about the child's ability to improve or do well in all their environments," West said. "As we think about the child, we realize that there's going to be someone there that's the primary care taker, which the child shares most of its time and/or relationships with."

Therapy sessions are "strengths-based" and "relationship-focused," West explained. He watches the interaction between primary care giver and baby, treating the guardian as the "child expert" and "cotherapist" and helps them determine how to improve the relationship.

"This is not about somebody being a bad parent," West said. "Babies don't come with manuals. They don't. It's not about what they're doing wrong. It's about helping them make things better for them. It's not about pointing fingers. It's about improving our abilities as parents."

According to Maggie Sprattmoran, president of the MI-AIMH, they are in the midst of a five-year IMH study. It will show outcomes of the IMH programs, but researchers have early data pointing to the programs' success.

"So many mental health issues that show up later in life, actually the seeds are planted in those earliest years, and particularly in terms of that relationship between primary caregiver and baby," Sprattmoran said.

Children with secure attachments are much more likely to succeed academically and socially, according to Sprattmoran. On the flip side, children who do not have secure attachments are more likely to experience abuse and neglect, need special education and have poor physical health.

"We see this profound overlap of what happens between behavioral health and physical health," Sprattmoran said. "So we're really trying to understand that and trying to help physical health care providers understand enough about attachment to promote it so their clients have better outcomes."

All Pokagon Band citizens can access this new area of care, be it through calling the Behavioral Health Program or a referral from another department.

"Any door is the correct door to get into our program," Bieda said.

"Not all problems can be avoided," West said, "but through programs like this, it will help the family and the child learn effective ways to deal with those strains when they come and effectively overcome those barriers in life."

### Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Pokégnek Yajdanawa is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in Pokegnek Yajdanawa. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the fourteenth of each month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa
Box 180
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Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

### **New CHS Card Issued from Pokagon Health Services**

Pokagon Health Services is striving to break down the communication barriers between outside doctors and hospitals and our Contract Health Services department. We want to make your referred visits easier. By issuing you a card that you can use at the doctor or hospital in the same way you use an insurance card, you should have all the information at hand to provide the office about how to send your bills to Pokagon Health Services.

The CHS Card will be issued to you if you qualify for Contract Health Services under the guidelines set out by Pokagon Health Services:

- You must be a citizen of the Pokagon Band
- You must live within the CHS Delivery Area (ten county service area in Michigan and Indiana)
- You must be established at Pokagon Health Services for your primary care, OR
- Registered with Pokagon Health Services and established with a pediatrician if you are 18 or younger, AND
- You must apply for any alternate resources available to you such as Medicaid.

The CHS Card will help your outside providers verify your CHS eligibility and send your bills to CHS.

Your CHS Card will be mailed to you in October 2014. If you do not receive a CHS Card in the mail by the end of the month, please call Patient Registration to arrange for a card to be sent to you, or come in to get your card at your next visit. If you are not currently eligible for CHS, you will not get a card in the mail, and you will need to call Patient Registration to update your file.

For further questions about the CHS Card, please call Priscilla Gatties at (269) 782-4141 ext. 403.



Saturday, October 4 11:00a.m.–3:00 p.m. Sprague's Family Fun Farm

33120 Middle Crossing Rd. Dowagiac. MI 49047

Join the **Department of Education** and the **Department of Social Services** for a day of family fun at Sprague's Family Fun Farm. There may be a charge for some of the attractions so please bring cash.

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Produce Market (\$) E Kids Apple Cider

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Storyteller/Musician Karen Czarnik will perform at 11 am until noon.

DV education and awareness will also be offered to participants at this event.

To RSVP, sign up at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/harvest-day-registration. For more information, contact Autumn Cabrillas at (269) 782-0887 x 197 or Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324.



### Check Out the Updated Pre K-12 Details

The postcard to parents and guardians explaining changes to Department of Education programming needed some clarification. Below is the correct information about the Pre K–12 grade program:

To register your child in our program and receive \$150/child for school supplies, you will need to fill out an Educational Release Form. Preschools must be government endorsed. A W-9 is needed for those that do not already receive funds from the Pokagon Band Finance Department, like per capita, for example.

For more information please call Connie Baber, administrative assistant, (269) 782-0887 or connie.baber@pokagonband-nsn.gov ,Autumn Cabrillas, educational associate for birth-4 grade, (269) 782-0887 or autumn.cabrillas@pokagonband-nsn.gov or Susan Doyle, educational associate for 5-12 grade, (269) 462-4229 or susan. doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

### **New Elected Officials Sworn In**

Saturday, August 16 saw the swearing in of newly-elected members of Tribal Council, Junior and Senior Youth Councils, and the Salary Commission at the Community Center. Congratulations to these leaders:





**Tribal Council:** Michaelina Magnuson-Martin, Eugene Magnuson, Steve Winchester, and Andy Jackson

Salary Commission: Brandon Rapp, Jim Tabaszewski, and Liz Glowacki





**Junior Youth Council:** Andy Murray, Robert Dick, Tori Murray, Daniel Dick, Derrek Collet, and Autumn Martin

**Senior Youth Council:** Alex Wesaw, Skyler Daisy, Michael Gamache, Cassandra Church, and Collin Church



### Pokagons Celebrate Native American Culture at Living Earth Festival in Washington D.C

### By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

A group of Pokagon Band citizens travelled to the U.S. capital July 20 through July 22 to participate in the Living Earth Festival at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. The festival celebrated indigenous contributions to environmental sustainability and showcased Native American culture and traditions.

The Living Earth Festival featured an organic farmers market, an outdoor cooking competition, music and dance performances, and workshops.

Greg Morsaw, a northern-style traditional dancer, was part of the group that travelled to the festival. "This was my second year attending the event," said Morsaw. "Because of my age, I led out the dancers every day and every session after the flag carriers." Participants danced twice per day from Friday through Sunday.

"We had between 40 and 50 tribal members come down for the event," said Morsaw. "Last year, only a handful of tribal members participated. We were invited back, and the Department of Language and Culture did a great job of getting more people involved."

Morsaw feels that it is always good for the non-native community to be exposed to a Tribe or Band of native people. "It is good for them to see what we are doing now, and learn about the teachings that we pass on to future generations," said Morsaw. "It is important to expose others to our culture and let them see that there is more to Native Americans than just building casinos."

Because Washington D.C. is a tourist destination, there was a huge non-native turnout at the festival. People of all races, ages, and demographics enjoyed seeing dancing, drumming, and native artwork first hand.

"It was important for me to participate in this event," said Morsaw. "People make trips to Washington DC for many different reasons, such as protesting treaties. It was nice to be able to go there for a different reason and show people why we protested. We have a lot to offer to the non-native community. We have a great opportunity to educate people about who we are and what we do."







### Dreamcatchers, as Seen through a Student's Eyes

#### By Arianna Morseau

This summer, the Pokagon Band Department of Education opened up a new enrichment opportunity for native children. This enrichment opportunity was a learning experience for K-12 graders called Dreamcatchers. It was to help students with their tribal history. They focused on culture and tribal identity in a fun and welcoming way that children found entertaining and that parents found unique. The students went on field trips and toured the surrounding communities, which made them take notice about our tribe's sovereign nation.

The groups learned about organizations such as Chi Ishobak (Big Cabbage) and the Casino. They learned their language and improved on their academics too. The program was held at the Pokagon Band Head Start Building, Rodgers Lake, Dowagiac, Michigan and lasted for a month.

The high school students were from grades eight and up, and met Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays each week. They learned how to make Dreamcatchers, looked at Pokagon Band presentations, took field trips to the Pokagon Village, Summnerville Mounds, Sacred Heart Church and the burial ground of Simon and Leopold Pokagon. Donnie Sumners, Ray Bush, and Polly Mitchell showed the kids around, and had a fun time while doing so. Every Friday they job shadowed some of the college interns at their departments and helped work on presentations.

The students also went to Midwest Energy, watched a University of Michigan STEM presentation with Mark Moldwin, who taught them about physics and the atmosphere. Later in the week, the high schoolers took a Lake Michigan renewable energy tour and visited Pucker Street dam, Berrien Springs Dam, Gage Street and Lake Michigan.

The students learned about financial wellness and academic and cultural infusion. They went to Western Michigan University and took a school campus tour. "Visiting the campus was cool," Sam Morseau, the Pokagon Education Department Director said. "It was an enriching experience. Watching the students get excited about college made it all worthwhile."

The last week of
Dreamcatchers they saw a presentation from Troy Clay,
the CEO of Mno-Bmadsen. Afterwards they learned
about the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver from
Melissa Claramount from the Michigan Office Civil
Rights. They went to Accu-mold on Wednesday, the
last day of Dreamcatchers for the high schoolers.

Polly Mitchell was the educator for the 8-12 grade students. "At first, I was expecting more kids to show up," she said. "But most days we only had half of them show. The kids were really awesome. And my favorite part about teaching the kids was when they enjoyed learning. I loved the success that we had and that everybody had fun."

Amber Morseau was the college intern that helped Polly on her Dreamcatchers journey. She had much to say about the program. "I had the opportunity to teach two classes. It was fun to see the kids grow academically and culturally. I wish we did more programs like this."

The K-7 grade students went on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. The younger students went to the library a couple times and made a K.W.L chart, (what I know, what I wanna know, what I learned) too.



They watched and read Through Eagle Eyes, Knees Lifted High, Plate Full of Color, and Tricky Treats. In doing so, they completed most days with an animal language and culture learning session. On field trip days, the younger groups went to Binder Park Zoo, the Air Zoo, Healthworks, and the Dowagiac History Museum.

They had a talk about the University of Michigan,

and did a Midwest Energy Moon Phases activity. In that, they learned about magnets, electricity, simple machines and senses. The students also did a being balanced overview and an energy stick project. They worked on higher education planning, career development and learned about famous Pokagons.

When you get a head start, you need to take it. It comes rarely, and with the Dreamcatchers program, the students learned more about themselves and their likes than they ever had before.

Arianna Morseau, a Dreamcatchers participant who lives near Seattle, Washington, is 13. "When I learned about Dreamcatchers, I made the best of it," she said. "I want to be an author someday; I learned new things that I can include in my writing, and I cannot wait until next summer!"

# Chi Ishobak Updates Financial Wellness Workshops

Chi Ishobak is always looking to provide new and improved resources to Pokagon citizens and financial education is no different. Chi Ishobak has updated its Financial Wellness curriculum to provide increased benefit to citizens. "We currently cover the fundamentals of personal financial management, but wanted to add capacity and wealth building components to our information." Sean Winters said, "The more pertinent information our citizens possess makes for a very strong community."

Chi Ishobak understands the traditional Pokagon values of proper planning and resource management. We also understand the emotion felt when facing financial adversity. In order to be in control of our personal finances we need to learn to properly plan and allocate those finances so that we don't waste our income. Identifying our financial behaviors is a critical step in this process. Chi Ishobak is committed to providing information, resources, and the necessary support to tribal citizens to help break the cycle of financial adversity. This includes cultural relevance, savings, cash flow planning, debt management, the value of credit, and the emotional side of money.

Chi Ishobak's next Financial Wellness Workshop will be held at the Community Center in Dowagiac on November 1 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. There is no registration fee, but advance registration is required for administrative planning. Lunch will be provided for all attendees.

If you are unable to attend, Chi Ishobak will conduct additional workshops at regular dates and times throughout the season. Chi Ishobak also provides individual financial coaching for tribal citizens that might not be able to make scheduled workshops or do not feel comfortable in the workshop environment.

To register for the November 1 workshop or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chi Ishobak at your convenience.

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# Chi Ishobak Moving to the Community Center

Chi Ishobak will be moving into the Community Center during the month of September. The Department of Housing and Facilities has relocated to new offices across Daily Road. "This is a great opportunity for Chi Ishobak." Executive Director, Sean Winters said, "The Community Center is more identifiable for citizens and it maintains our culture during client interaction."

At this time, Chi Ishobak's contact information will remain the same in regards to phone number, e-mail address, and website. If you would like to learn more about Chi Ishobak's products and services that are available to Pokagon citizens, stop by the new offices in the Community Center.



Chi Ishobak (pronounced Chee Ish-o-bock), means "Big Cabbage" and is the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi's Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI). Chi Ishobak provides Tribal Citizens with access to affordable capital for the purposes of business start-up or expansion and individual financial development through education-based lending services.

COMMERCIAL LOANS INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNTS

CONSUMER LOANS FINANCIAL EDUCATION

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Saturday, September 13, 2014 10:00am − 12:00pm **W** Gage Street house, Dowagiac, MI

This is a support group for parents and guardians raising Nishnabe youth within our Pokagon community. Lunch will be provided.

We will create an authentic craft to benefit our families.

To reserve your spot, or for more information, please call the Department of Language and Culture at (269) 462-4325.

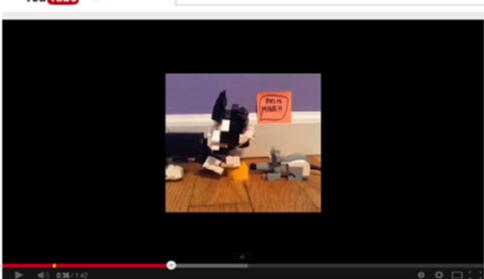
It takes a village to raise a child.

### Pokagon Kids Get Creative with Discovery Kits

The Department of Education asked kids who received Discovery Kits to fill out a survey. A few even submitted a picture, video, or a composition about their kits. A panel then voted on the winners. One male and one female each won a tablet computer and two entries were selected as Honorable Mentions because they were too impressive not to be showcased in the newsletter.

Echo Glowacki made a stop motion video called Sharing Is Caring with her Lego kit and shared it on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ok9PCI6D\_Q. She was selected as the female tablet winner.







Braylon Carney, left, shows off his swamp thing growing kit. He is the male tablet winner.

Christina Carpenter and Heather Weber were randomly selected after they filled out and submitted a Discovery Kit survey; both won a \$25 gift card. Thanks to everyone who responded. We hope you're enjoying your Kits.

This photo collage, right, shows how Madison Cockey enjoyed her Discovery Kit. Because we wanted this excellent collage in the newsletter, she receives an Honorable Mention.

Summertime by Logan Serba receives an Honorable Mention. It was too good not to put it in the newsletter.

#### **SUMMERTIME**

By Logan Serba
Homework, homework I've had my fill
School ends that a thrill
Time to sleep and get some rest
Summertime is the best
Swimming, camps, time with friends
I hope summer never ends
One month in I start getting bored
There are things to do but I can't afford
Knock, knock at the door
A package is here, what's in store
Thank you! Pokagon Band

For the games and puzzles now in hand

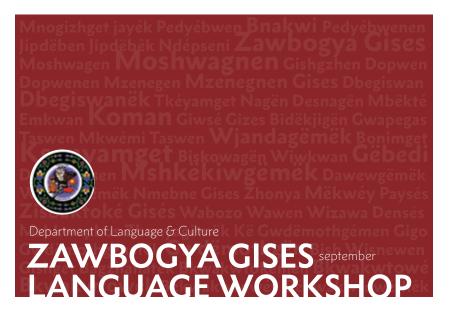
## Mno-Bmadsen Board of Directors Recognizes Outgoing Chairman; Elects New Chair and Treasurer

The Mno- Bmadsen Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Eugene Magnuson from the board and appointed his successor August 6. Magnuson won election as treasurer of the Pokagon Band in its annual July elections. He assumed that post on August 16 after stepping down from chair of Mno-Bmadsen as required by tribal law. He had served since the inception of Mno- Bmadsen in 2009, when the board of directors was first appointed by the Pokagon Band Tribal Council. During his tenure, Mno-Bamdsen hired its first CEO, developed into a holding company, acquired Accu- Mold, LLC, launched Seven Generations Architecture & Engineering and the Bent Tree convenience store and gas station business

"We have laid the foundation for seven generations into the future as taught by our ancestors," said Magnuson. "Throughout our history one of the most honorable efforts our tribal leaders make is making decisions now, including even sacrifices, that will give our children and their children and so on, better opportunities than we had. It has truly been an honor launching Mno-Bmadsen. Now I look forward to continued leadership as treasurer of the Pokagon Band."

The Mno-Bmadsen board of directors elected Linda Cook to succeed Magnuson as chairperson. Cook previously served as treasurer of the board and is also controller for the Pokagon Band. "I look forward to working with the board, Troy Clay our CEO, the Mno-Bmadsen team and its companies to continue building businesses for our future generations," she said. Ronald Sorce, who was recently appointed to the board, was elected as board treasurer. As Global Project Manager for Carlson Wagonlit, Ron Sorce serves the board with 25 years of experience in the global business travel management industry.

Mno-Bmadsen is the economic development enterprise chartered by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi to conduct all non-gaming, for-profit business for the tribe. Organized as a diversified holding company, Mno-Bmadsen invests in and acquires new and existing companies within targeted industries, with a focus on long-term sustainability in both purpose and profitability. Mno-Bmadsen currently owns three subsidiaries: Seven Generations Architecture & Engineering, LLC, located in Benton Harbor, MI; Accu- Mold, LLC in Portage, MI; and Bent Tree Market gas station and convenience store in Dowagiac, MI. More information is available at www.mno-bmadsen.com.



Saturday, September 13 2:00p.m.–4:00 p.m. New Language & Culture Office 58653 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Join **Carla Collins** for the September language workshop led by our apprentices teaching what they are currently learning while living with our fluent speakers in Northern Wisconsin.





### Summer of Wellness: A healthy lifestyle starts with one choice. Make yours today.

With all the different avenues for active and healthy living the Pokagon Band provides, you can choose what fits you best to make this journey your own. Whether you are seeking more exercise such as Zumba or a hike through a state park, or you want to break an addiction—we have what you need to meet your goals. Visit here to stay up to date on all the opportunities: www.pokagonband-nsn. gov/summer-wellness

### Kick the habit. Become a former smoker.

We offer smoking cessation class; a new session will be starting soon. Please contact Lorraine Grewett at (269) 782-4570.

### Michigan State Park Passes

Receive free day passes to Michigan State Parks, where the hiking and biking trails offer natural beauty and miles of fitness opportunities. Contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406 for passes. This is on a first come, first served basis. Or try your local library branch; they often have free day passes to check out.

#### Join Southwestern Michigan College's gym at a discount

Southwestern Michigan College offers a \$150 yearly membership to groups of twenty. When enough people sign up and pay a head of time, the discount is applied. Contact Elizabeth Leffler at (269) 462-4406 to be put on the waiting list, and she will inform you when a group of twenty has formed.

#### Walk the Red Road to Recovery

This group meets Tuesday and Friday evenings at the Behavioral Health office. Call Daun Bieda at (269) 462-4432 for more information.

### Zumba, Zumba!

Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center, come to the high-energy, low-impact, Latin dance inspired workout that gets you moving and burning calories with simple, repetitious routines.

### Practice yoga

Each Monday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Community Center increase your flexibility, range of motion and balance while lowering stress with the practice of yoga.



#### Have a leaner lunch

Every Tuesday and Thursday, Dean Orvis leads citizens and staff through a 25 minute workout. On Tuesdays, the workout revolves around leg strength, and the Thursday workouts focus on upper body strength. Meet in the campground pavilion at 12:15 p.m. to get started.



www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/summer-wellness

### Openings Available for Carpenter Apprenticeship Program Visit Table at Sovereignty Day to Learn More

An apprenticeship is a combination of on-the-job learning and related classroom instruction in a highly skilled trade. It is a four year program and requires:

- Total of 8,000 hours (2,000 a year) of on-the-job training
- Total of 39 credit hours (615 hours in the classroom)

#### Requirements:

- Pokagon citizen or spouse of a Pokagon citizen
- High school diploma or GED
- 18 years of age or older

#### When

Enrollment is now OPEN and we are taking applications for the next class year to be starting tentatively in October.

To move through the selection phase of the process, you will need to complete the items listed below. Each item is dependent upon completion of the previous item. In other words, you need to complete item A, then B, then C, etc.

### Application Process:

- A. If you have not completed an application, please stop by Human Resources or go to our website:
  - http://www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/
  - Click on: Business and Community
  - Click on: Apprenticeship Program
  - Click on: Apprenticeship Application
- B. Provide documentation verifying you:
  - Graduated high school or received your GED
  - Are at least 18 years of age or older
  - Are a tribal citizen or spouse of a tribal citizen
- C. Complete TABEs testing at a 9th grade level or above
  - To complete TABE testing, contact Traci Henslee, workforce training and resource specialist, at (269) 462-4227, for more information or to register to take the test.



- D. Complete OSHA 10 hour class and pass the exam with a 70% or above
  - To register for the two-day, OSHA 10-Hour Class sessions, contact Traci Henslee, Workforce Training and Resource Specialist, at (269) 462-4227, or any member of the HR Team.

### E. Final Interview

• Interviews will be scheduled for those who have completed all the above selection requirements. You will be contacted by a Committee Member to schedule your interview time.

Contact Traci Henslee, workforce training and resource specialist at (269) 462-4227 or Jim Dybevik, director of human resources at (269) 462-4265 if you have any questions regarding the apprenticeship program.

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# September 2014

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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COURT NOTICE BY PUBLICATION CASE NO. 14-2859-PCDCS

and

CASE NO. 14-2862-PCDCS 58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047 Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

#### NOTICE OF

### (1) ORDER TO STAY DISTRIBUTIONS OF PER CAPITA PAYMENTS; AND

### (2) TWO PETITIONS/AFFIDAVITS TO WITHHOLD PER CAPITA PAYMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT

To: Charles Brian Gillan II Respondent's Name

- 1. Notice is hereby given that two (2) Petitions/Affidavits to Withhold Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support were filed with the Tribal Court on August 5, 2014.
- 2. Tribal law mandates that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy **delinquent** court-ordered child support. **See** Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.
- 3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. **See** 28 USC § 1738B, Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act.
- 4. An *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been entered by the Court against your payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for distributions of per capita payments.
- 5. You now have two (2) open cases filed in this Court regarding the withholding and redirection of per capita payments to satisfy delinquent child support. These cases are Case Nos. 14-2859-PCDCS and 14-2862-PCDCS.
- 6. Your per capita payments must be apportioned for distribution according to the Tribal Court's Administrative Order 08-004-TC, Administrative Order for Apportioning Per Capita Payments to Satisfy; Two (2) or More Delinquent Child Support Obligations.
- 7. Orders to withhold and redirect per capita payments for delinquent child support shall be entered by this Court Case Nos. 14-2859-PCDCS and 14-2862-PCDCS within fourteen (14) days of the date of service of this Notice unless you file an objection to the:
  - a. **recognition** of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6; or
  - b. **enforcement** of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 7.
- 8. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the **recognition** of the foreign court order with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that the:
  - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
  - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
- 9. Unless you file an objection to the enforcement of the foreign court orders, Orders to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support will apply ALL of your per capita payments to satisfy the delinquent court-ordered child support until such time as the delinquent child support obligations are satisfied, or until further order of this Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that:
- a. you do not owe a DELINQUENT child support obligation; or
- b. redirection of all of your per capita payments would create an EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP to your health or general welfare.

10. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* should not be granted by this Court.

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POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS
TRIBAL COURT
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
CASE NO. 14-2846-PCDCS

58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047 Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

#### NOTICE OF

### (1) ORDER TO STAY DISTRIBUTIONS OF PER CAPITA PAYMENTS; AND

### (2) PETITION/AFFIDAVIT TO WITHHOLD PER CAPITA PAYMENTS FOR DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT

To:Veronica N. Jackson (fka Diamond) Respondent's Name

- 1. Notice is hereby given that a *Petition/Affidavit to Withhold Per Capita Payments* for *Delinquent Child Support* was filed with the Tribal Court on July 22, 2014.
- 2. Tribal law mandates that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy **delinquent** court-ordered child support. **See** Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.
- 3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. **See** 28 USC § 1738B, Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act.
- 4. An *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been entered by the Court against your payments and may not be lifted until further order of this Court. The *Order to Stay Distributions of Per Capita Payments* has been served on the Revenue Allocation Plan Administrator who is responsible for distributions of per capita payments.
- 5. An Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support shall be entered by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the:
  - a. RECOGNITION of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6; or
  - b. ENFORCEMENT of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 7.
- 6. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the **recognition** of the foreign court order with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that the:
  - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
  - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
- 7. Unless you file an objection to the **enforcement** of the foreign court order, an *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* will apply ALL of your per capita payments to satisfy the **delinquent** court-ordered child support in each case until such time as the **delinquent** child support obligations are satisfied, or until further order of this Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that:
- . you do not owe a DELINQUENT child support obligation; or
- b. redirection of all of your per capita payments would create an EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP to your health or general welfare
- 8. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the *Order to Withhold and Redirect Per Capita Payments for Delinquent Child Support* should not be granted by this Court.

### Notice of Open Position | Curriculum Committee

The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens to fill a vacancy on the Pokagon Band Curriculum Committee. The Curriculum Committee is responsible for establishing a tribally operated daycare and school(s) with culturally based academics and extracurricular activities. The Curriculum Committee should expect to meet once a month at the Pokagon Administration Building. Including meeting preparation and other time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately five hours per month to fulfill responsibilities.

COMPENSATION. Curriculum Committee members are compensated per the Committee Handbook. In addition, Curriculum Committee members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings.

#### **APPOINTMENT PROCESS.**

Curriculum Committee members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There is currently one vacant seat on the Curriculum Committee that will be filled by Tribal Council appointment for a one year term of office.

**HOW TO APPLY.** Please submit letters of interest along with a current resume to:

Kelly Curran Tribal Council Executive Secretary P O Box 180 Dowagiac MI 49047

Or email Kelly Curran at Kelly.curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Questions concerning the Curriculum Committee may be directed to Conrad Church, Curriculum Committee Chairman at Conrad.church@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

ETHICS REQUIREMENTS. As a Public Official, Curriculum Committee members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained by contacting Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary at (888)376-9988 or by visiting the Band's website: www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.

**DEADLINE.** This position shall be open for 30 days.



Department of Social Services

### **Womens Traditional Dance**

September 9, 2014 2:30 pm-5:00p.m. Rodgers Lake Pow Wow Arena

This class is being taught by Cleora Morseau. Spaces are limited so please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov to RSVP.

This program is sponsored by the Department of Social Services.





Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education

### Career Workshop

Saturday, July 12 10:00 am - 2:00pm Gateways to Employment Saturday, September 13 10:00 am – 2:00pm

Changing Careers: Reinventing Oneself

Adult Pokagon citizens are invited to join instructor Lanre Ajayi in the Education Training Room, We will provide adult tribal citizens with child care, gas cards to cover transportation to and from workshop, and a \$30 gift card to the movies. Treat yourself after doing something good for your future!

As space and child care assistance is limited, please pre-register by  $5:00\,$  p.m. on the Wednesday prior (July 10 and September 10) at (888) 330-1234 or (269) 462-4220.



Join the Pokagon Band's Community Advisory Board to help revitalize traditional peacemaking as an important way of life for our people.

Witness a peacemaking circle.

Learn why and how native peacemaking concepts and principles to resolve conflicts and disputes can be part of this community's future.

Meet peacemaking facilitators Ada Pecos-Melton, Paul Raphael and JoAnne Gasco.

 $Lunch\ is\ provided.\ Contact\ Stacey\ Gettig,\ Peace making\ Initiative\ Support\ Staff,\ at\ (269)\ 783-0505\ or\ stacey.gettig@pokagonband-nsn.gov.$ 

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### Elders Lunch Menu | Zawbogya gises September

friday 5	Breaded Cod Baked Potato Tri-Blend Veggies Coleslaw Roll Blueberry Crisp	12	Chicken and Rice Soup Pinwheel Sandwiches Relish and Veggie Tray Fruit	61	Vegetable and Egg Casserole Sausage Gravy and Biscuits Sausage Links Melon Orange Juice Coffee Cake	26	Sea Bass Spanish Rice Garden Salad Corn on the Cob Dessert
thursday 4 business	Buffalo Sloppy Joes Potato Salad Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad Fruit Birthday Cake	=	Salman Patty Macaroni and Cheese Asparagus Tomato Salad Roll	8 social luncheon	Baked Chicken Alfredo Noodles Green Beans Fruit Salad Roll Dessert	25	Buffalo Lasagna Spinach Salad Garlic Bread Jell-O W/ Fruit
wednesday 3	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Garden Salad Roll Strawberry Pie	01	Buffalo Chili Garden Salad Corn Bread Fruit Ice Cream	17	Beef Pasty (Meat Pie) Garden Salad Cottage Cheese and Peaches Roll	24	Pork Roast Red Potatoes Peas Garden Salad Roll Peach Pie
tuesday 2	Chili Cheese Dogs W/ Bun Relish Tray Broccoli Salad Fruit Red Velvet Cupcake	6	Pork Loin in Noodles and Gravy Sauerkraut Garden Salad Roll Apple Pie	91	Bean Soup Turkey and Cheese Sandwich Relish and Veggie Tray Dessert	23	Turkey Stuffed Cabbage Mashed Potatoes Garden Salad Fruit Roll
monday   closed   labor day	photo by chris collins	8 language	Ham and Au Gratin Potatoes Corn on the Cob Cucumber Salad Roll Cookie	5 language	Beef Roast in Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Carrots Garden Salad Roll Lemon Cake	22 closed   sovereignty day	

september

Beef Liver and Onions Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Garden Salad

Broccoli

Dessert

Roll

**Buffalo Meatballs** 

9 language

Mixed Vegetables Garden Salad

Dessert

PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE if you are not a regular attendee for meals. (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 Noon. Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers. Business meetings are held at the Community Center. Business and social luncheons are potlucks. Please bring a dish to pass.

## Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

To maintain effective communications, it is critical that citizens keep their addresses—and those of their children—updated. Many addresses currently in our system are out of date or undeliverable. If you move, please let the enrollment office know as soon as possible, and have your and your dependent's address updated. If your bank account is closed, we mail a live check to you in the next Per Capita check run. If your address is undeliverable, you will not receive this check until you have updated your address.

Contact enrollment coordinator Beth Edelberg at (888)782-1001 to change your address.

### Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment Office at (269) 782–1763 or Barb Vincent in the Finance Department at (269) 462–4209.

			Christmas				
Enrollment #	Name	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	Х	X	Х	Х	Х	
202	Jeffrey Morseau					х	Х
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	х	Х	х	х	х	Х
857	Peter John Ramirez	х	X	х	х	х	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	х	Х	х	х	х	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			х	х	х	Х
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		Х	х	х	х	Х
4442	Mason Tyler Currey					х	

Please note - you must have a deliverable address on file.

### Attention 18- to 20-Year-Olds | Per Capita Information

Attention all high school seniors who are graduating from high school or individuals who may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Attn: Enrollment Office P O Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047 OR fax to: (269) 782-1964

The document must be received by October 15 in order to make it on the November 2014 check run. Anything received after October 15 will be processed on the check run for December. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

### Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, December 6, 2013	Thursday, December 19, 2013	Friday, December 20, 2013
Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Thursday, January 30, 2014	Friday, January 31, 2014
Friday, February 14, 2014	Thursday, February 27, 2014	Friday, February 28, 2014
Friday, March 14, 2014	Thursday, March 27 2014	Friday, March 28, 2014
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Tuesday, April 29, 2014	Wednesday, April 30, 2014
Thursday, May 15, 2014	Thursday, May 29, 2014	Friday, May 30, 2014
Friday, June 13, 2014	Thursday, June 26, 2014	Friday, June 27, 2014
Tuesday, July 15, 2014	Wednesday, July 30, 2014	Thursday, July 31, 2014
Friday, August 15, 2014	Thursday, August 28, 2014	Friday, August 29, 2014
Monday, September 15, 2014	Monday, September 29, 2014	Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Wednesday, October 15, 2014	Thursday, October 30, 2014	Friday, October 31, 2014
Monday, November 3, 2014*	Tuesday, November 25, 2014	Wed, November 26, 2014

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that in December the deadline to receive changes is December 6 and November the deadline to receive changes is November 3, this is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

### Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

For those tribal citizens receiving per capita checks in the mail and who do not have direct deposit, enclosed with your check you will find a direct deposit and a tax withholding form. These will be included with your check every month until we achieve 100% direct deposits.

The tribe is currently having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe is offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. We are making efforts to give everyone a chance to set up a bank account of your choice and on your own.

As always, the tax withholding form is not mandatory although highly suggested as per capita payments are subject to federal and state taxes. The tribe only withholds federal taxes with a completed form, state taxes are the responsibility of the citizen.

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. Both of the above stated forms are available online at www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as I receive it by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as I do not receive any errors from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

### Tribal Council September Calendar of Events

- I Office Closed in Observation of Labor Day holiday
- 2 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 4 Legislative Session, Community Center, 6 p.m.
- 8 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 9 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 13 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 15 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 16 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 22 Office Closed in Observation of Sovereignty Day holiday
- 26 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 29 Tribal Council Special Session, meeting canceled
- 30 Gaming Authority Closed, meeting canceled

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

### More Stations Offer Tax Exempt Gas

Two more area fuel stations now have agreements with the Band to distribute tax exempt motor fuel to Pokagon citizens. One is the Hartford Citgo at 332 W. Main Street, Hartford, Michigan. The other is Plaza One Restaurant at 19290 M-239 in New Buffalo, Michigan.

### Minors Trust Management Moves to Indian Country

Providence First, the trust company that manages the Pokagon Band's Minors Trust, has moved offices. They are now located on the reservation of the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community, right next to Scottsdale, Arizona.

"We wanted to show this support to Indian Country as we are growing our business with Native American nations and communities across the country," the company said in a letter to the Band.

Providence First's telephone and fax numbers will stay (855) 765-2466 and (602) 952-2300, but their new address is:

8840 E Chaparral Road, Suite 250 Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Each Pokagon child and his or her guardian who has a trust account should have received a letter containing this information too.

### Riddle

Last month's riddle winner is **Logan Serba** who answered "What asks no questions, but gets lots of answers?" The correct answer was: a telephone. **Lake Serba** has also won a gift card for his riddle being selected. Check it out:

### What do an island and the letter T have in common?

Mail in your correct answer or e-mail it to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card. Another way to win is to mail or e-mail your own riddle; the person whose riddle is selected for the next newsletter will win a gift card.

#### **Tribal Council October Calendar of Events**

- 6 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 7 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- II Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 13 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 14 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 20 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 21 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 27 Tribal Council Special Session, meeting canceled
- 28 Gaming Authority Closed, meeting canceled

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.



Department of Social Service

### COOKINGCLASS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 12:00P.M.-1:00 P.M. COMMODITY KITCHEN, SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING 58620 SINK ROAD, DOWAGIAC, MI

Pokagon citizens and staff are invited to join chefs from Four Winds restaurants for cooking classes the fourth Thursday of each month, and learn how to turn every day ingredients into delicious dishes.

Spots are limited. Please call to reserve your seat, (269) 782-3372.



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### **Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted**

Both Senior and Junior Youth Councils are open to any Pokagon youngster. Anyone can join, and eventually run for the executive board. Besides the age divisions, there are differences between the two groups. The Junior Youth Council provides a voice for native youth between the ages of 12 and 18. The Council promotes the development of future tribal leaders through educational attainment and Potawatomi language, culture, pride, and identity. The Junior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for native youth to interact for fun and friendship.

The Senior Youth Council provides a voice for Pokagon citizens between the ages of 18 and 24. The Senior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for Pokagon young adults to interact for fun and friendship. The Council mobilizes members toward positive goals, promotes the development of future tribal leaders and educates native youth about tribal government.

### Zawbogya gises September Citizen Announcements

It's not too early to start thinking about the upcoming sugar bush season. Anyone with the knowledge of running a sugar shack or anyone interested in volunteering to help with the sugar bush season in the spring of 2015 please contact Nicole Holloway in the Department of Language and Culture at (269) 462-4325.

Are you interested in community theater? Contact Roger "Koosh Koosh" Williams if you are a member of the Pokagon community who is interested in forming a community theater group. Call (269) 861-2973 to speak to Roger about an initial planning meeting.

Calling all Pokagon boys in middle school or high school who are interested in playing on a Pokagon youth basketball team. The team must be registered by September 19. Call Daniel Stohrer, Youth Cultural Coordinator, at (269) 462-4325 for more information and to register.





Head Elder **Clarence White** Pokagon Potawatomi Head Veteran **George Martin** Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe MC **Carl Wesaw** Pokagon Potawatomi

Water ceremony conducted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Women

Drums

**Blue Wolf** Sarnia, Ontario **Ribbon Town** South Bend, Indiana

Honored Guest Doris Boissoneau

All tribal eagle staffs, family eagle staffs, Native American organizational eagle staffs are invited. All approved eagle staff carriers will be compensated with a room and a stipend; advance registration required.

To register eagle staff carriers or request information, contact Anthony Foerster at  $(269)\,783-6653$  or anthony.foerster@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

 $Camping \ available; registration \ required. \ To \ register, contact \ Melissa \ Rodriguez \ at (269) \ 462-4203 \ or \ melissa.rodriguez@pokagonband-nsn.gov.$ 

 $Additional\ information\ available\ at\ www.pokagonband-nsn.gov.$ 







# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA THE POKAGONS TELL IT

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### Pokagon Health Services Ramp Up for Health Center Opening

The historic opening of the Pokagon Health Center marks a new era for the Band—one of direct health care for citizens and patients offered in a purpose-built, state-of-the-art facility on tribal trust land. Along with the new building and its amenities, Pokagon Health Services is improving operations and adding services to deliver high quality health care to patients. In this and the November issue of the Pokegnek Yajdanawa, read up on the improved services, the new facility and the celebrations beginning this era of wellness.

**GRAND OPENING EVENTS** 

Join us to formally open the Pokagon Health Center.

Citizen Open House | Thursday, November 20 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Facility tours, refreshments

Opening Ceremonies | Friday, November 21

11 a.m. Leadership remarks, tours, refreshments

### Pokagon Health Services Now Offering Dental Services

In addition to a fitness center, therapy pool and other wellness amenities, the new Pokagon Health Center will be equipped with a full dental suite when it opens in November. The new dental suite features four dental chairs, a procedure room and a recovery room. This means Health Services will be able to provide high quality direct dental care to citizens and patients in our tribal health facility on tribal land.

Currently, if your primary care physician is not at the PHS Clinic, you can't receive dental services through Purchased / Referred Care (formerly Contract Health Services, see accompanying article). That will all change beginning January 5, 2015. As of that date, PHS will provide direct dental care at the new Pokagon Health Center. Also as of that date, any dental referrals for specialty dental care must come from PHS dentists. You do not have to receive primary care from PHS to receive dental services from the clinic beginning in January.

All direct dental services will be free for Pokagon citizens and all members of federally-recognized tribes, as part of the Indian Health Services guidelines. There will be no co-pay, nor limits on direct services that PHS can provide in the Health Center.

A person's oral health is often an indicator of other systemic health problems, so staying current with dental care keeps people healthier. Visiting the dentist for regular cleanings, x-rays, and checkups is an important step in preventing major health problems. Having dental care at the Health Center will improve collaboration between dentists and primary care providers in the Clinic, and truly offer the integrated care and holistic approach to wellness that is the goal of Pokagon Health Services.



## Behavioral Health Program Receives CARF Accreditation

### By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

The Pokagon Behavioral Health Program was recently recertified by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). CARF is an independent organization focused on advancing the quality of services for patients to achieve the best possible outcomes.

"Both Behavioral Health and the medical clinic are accredited in five areas," said Daun Bieda, behavioral health supervisor. The five areas are case management, integrated behavioral health and primary care for adults, integrated behavioral health and primary care for children and adolescents, outpatient for adults, and outpatient for children and adolescents.

"This is an international accreditation that we have had for several years," explained Bieda. "We have just been recertified for another three years."

Benefits of accreditation include accountability for funding sources, improved communication with the tribe, and training programs. This accreditation gives credibility to the program, and, therefore, it is a great marketing tool.

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### Contract Health Services Changes Name to Purchased/ Referred Care

### By Jennifer Klemm-Dougherty

Contract Health Services was recently renamed Purchased/Referred Care. Because the program was often confused with other budget items, Congress asked Indian Health Services (IHS) to propose another name for the program. The name change became official with the passage of the fiscal year 2014 appropriation.

IHS is currently transitioning to using the new program name, and the transition is expected to be complete by the end of October, the end of the U.S. government's fiscal year. Pokagon Health Services will refer to the program as Purchased/Referred Care effective immediately.

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## Behavioral Health Program Receives CARF Accreditation continued from page one

"A great benefit for Pokagons is the integrated behavioral health and primary care," said Bieda. "We treat the person as a whole. The body cannot get better if the mind is not well, and vice versa. Primary care and behavioral health providers collaborate daily, and there is a weekly multidisciplinary health team meeting. This helps to identify treatment regimens to help patients to reach their treatment goals.

The accreditation process involved two surveyors visiting onsite for two days. "Out of 3,500 standards, we reached 96 percent of them," said Bieda. "We will develop an improvement strategy for the other four percent."

Bieda was recently approached by CARF and asked to become a surveyor. "This is a great opportunity to visit other tribes and bring their best practices back to our clinic," explained Bieda.

Service providers earning CARF accreditation are recognized for their ongoing innovation and continued conformance to the standards. Achieving this accreditation demonstrates a dedication to quality outcomes for patients receiving care through Pokagon Health Services.

### Contract Health Services Changes Name to Purchased/ Referred Care continued from page one

"The name is changed, but the program remains the same. Purchased/Referred Care more accurately describes the program," said Priscilla Gatties, business manager for Pokagon Health Services (PHS). "All of the policies and procedures remain the same. Patients can be assured that their program is not going to change and that they can still receive payment for services outside of the Pokagon Health Services."

The Purchased/Referred Care program provides funding for Pokagon Band citizens who require medical services outside of Pokagon Health Services. Those who meet certain criteria will be eligible for Purchased/Referred Care funding to help pay for those services. Criteria for eligibility is available the Pokagon Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/health-services.

"If a patient were to call in and ask for CHS, they will be directed to the appropriate person and department," said Gatties. The PHS team is dedicated to making this a smooth transition for tribal citizens.

### Laraway Recognized as Early Childhood Community Leader



J.T. Laraway (back right) with the Project LAUNCH works group and Federal Project Officer

Congratulations to J.T. Laraway, the young child wellness coordinator with the Pokagon Band's Department of Social Services. J.T.'s work with the Bodewadmi LAUNCH project has attracted the attention of the Brazelton Touchpoints Center and its American Indian Early Childhood Community Leadership Development Program. He's been selected as a 2014 Leadership Associate, one of only six associates from all the tribes across the United States.

The Leadership Program was developed in 2012 by the Tribal Touchpoints Initiative of the Brazelton Touchpoints Center at Boston Children's Hospital. The purpose of the year long program is to support emerging, early to mid-career American Indian leaders in the field of early childhood and family development. Through a combination of institutes, distance learning, and individual mentorship from subject matter experts from across the country, Leadership Associates receive a solid foundation in child and family development and community leadership.

This second cohort follows in the footsteps of the pilot program which was successfully launched in 2013. The six new Leadership Associates represent a group of dedicated American Indians who work tirelessly to serve their communities in the field of early childhood and family development and community leadership. Well done, J.T.!

### Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Pokégnek Yajdanawa is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in Pokegnek Yajdanawa. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the fourteenth of each month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa
Box 180
Dowagiac, MI 49047
Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

### Your love shelters our children.

Neshnabe teachings say that caring for the children is everyone's responsibility. Traditionally, extended family and clan family members would take responsibility for their children if parents couldn't.

Today many Pokagon children need your help. Becoming a tribal foster parent isn't difficult. Besides getting a background check and a license, all you need is patience, caring and commitment. Licensing classes are free; many counties reimburse for child care while you take classes.

"I would suggest anybody give it a try, the process is nothing like what you might imagine," says one foster parent. "The need was greater than what you'd expect."

For this parent, one of the best parts of fostering has been seeing how happy the children are. "It opens your eyes and helps you become more involved in your own culture, and hotw important it is for the whole community to be a family."

To learn more about fostering Pokagon children, please contact the Department of Social Services at (269) 462-4216.

### Hunting Area on Tribal Land Changed for 2014 Season



Hunters: No hunting is allowed in this highlighted area of Rodgers Lake. Construction of the Cultural Center will begin on this site in October. Please note these changes, and be safe during hunting season.



Saturday, October 4 11:00a.m.—3:00 p.m. Sprague's Family Fun Farm

33120 Middle Crossing Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Join the **Department of Education** and the **Department of Social Services** for a day of family fun at Sprague's Family Fun Farm. There may be a charge for some of the attractions so please bring cash.

Pumpkins
Hayrides
Corn Maze
Playeround for the Kids

em Mining (\$) co-Trax Train room oduce Market (\$)

Treats

And much more



Storyteller/Musician Karen Czarnik will perform at 11 am until noon.

DV education and awareness will also be offered to participants at this event.

To RSVP, sign up at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/form/harvest-day-registration. For more information, contact Autumn Cabrillas at (269) 782-0887 x 197 or Case<sub>)</sub> Kasper at (269) 462-4324.





Saturday, October 11 2:00p.m.–4:00 p.m. New Language & Culture Office 58653 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

Join **Kyle Malott** for the October language workshop led by our apprentices teaching what they are currently learning while living with our fluent speakers in Northern Wisconsin.





### **Elders Welcome to Pokagon Heritage Course**

Tribal historic preservation officer Marcus Winchester is instructing a class on the history and heritage of the Pokagon Potawatomi at the Forever Learning Institute of South Bend, Indiana. He taught a six week course this spring, and they have asked him to return for another session this fall. The class is only offered to people ages 50 and over, and Pokagon Potawatomi citizens over age 50 are welcome.

Please cut out this announcement to admit one citizen and/or spouse to the class. The first class is October 9; it meets every Thursday 10:30–11:50 a.m. at the Forever Learning Institute:

54191 Ironwood Road, Room 6 South Bend, IN 46635

The course will begin with Potawatomi history and the tribe's significance to the area. The next section concentrates on Potawatomi language. The last section will tie the history and the language together to help explain who the Pokagon Potawatomi people are today. Please contact Marcus Winchester for more information and to RSVP for the class at (269) 462-4224.

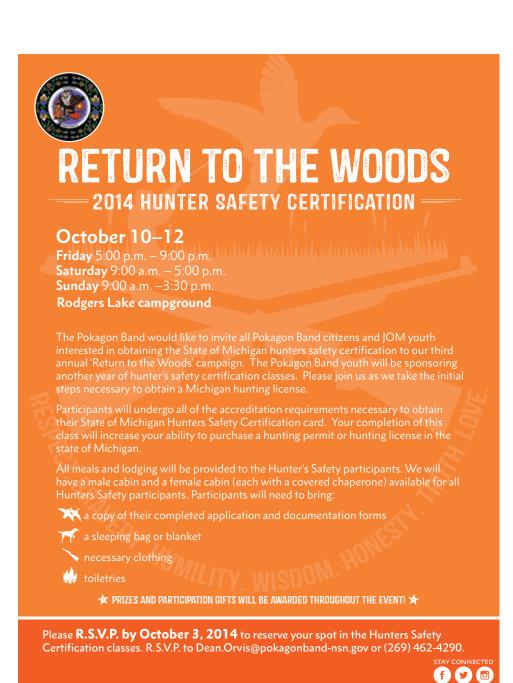
### **Ancestors in Unmarked Graves**

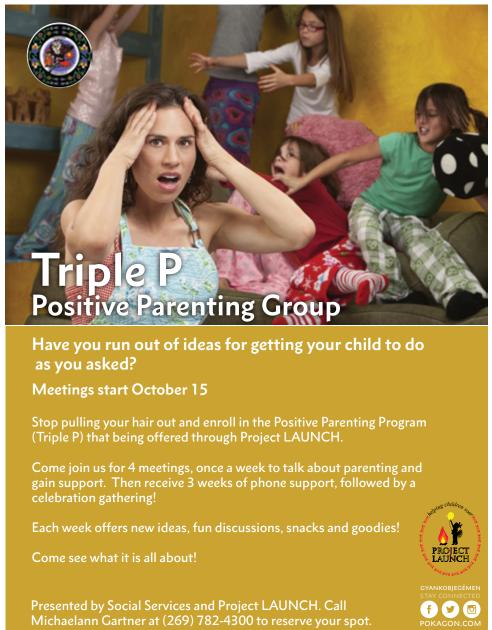
Tribal Council is looking for information from citizens about Pokagon ancestors in unmarked graves. If you know of family members who don't have a monument marking their gravesite, please contact Tribal Historic Preservation Office Marcus Winchester at (269) 462-4224 or Marcus. Winchester@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

### **Apply Now for Student Rental Assistance**



A reminder for all new and returning college students: make sure you get all your student rental assistance paperwork to the Housing Department by October 17. After that date you will have to wait until the spring semester to reapply.





### Indiana Governor's Proclamation Recognizes Potawatomi Trail of Death

In August Governor Mike Pence issued a proclamation recognizing September 20, 2014 as Potawatomi Train of Death Remembrance Day. This act commemorates a sad time in Indiana and national history—the forced removal of the Potawatomi from Indiana to Kansas in 1838 over 660 miles, during which 42 people died. This removal of Native Americans from their lands was well documented by Father Benjamin Petit, artist George Winter, John Tipton, and others. The Potawatomi signed 40 treaties, more than any other tribe.

Governor Pence's proclamation was presented at the Trail of Courage Living History Festival in Rochester, Indiana on September 20. Accepting the proclamation was Jon Boursaw of Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Oklahoma, and others. Jon Boursaw is a descendant of Daniel Bourassa who, with his wife and seven children, was on the Trail of Death. Each year the Trail of Courage Living History Festival honors a different Potawatomi family

that had ancestors on the Trail of Death or signed treaties in Indiana. Citizens of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi, Prairie Band Potawatomi of Kansas, and Forest County Potawatomi of Wisconsin had ancestors on the Trail of Death. After the removal, some Potawatomi scattered and their descendants are now affiliated with other tribes today. One was the great Olympic athlete Jim Thorpe, whose great-grandmother was on the Trail of Death; Thorpe was enrolled with the Sac and Fox Tribe.

Committees in 26 counties have erected nearly 80 historical markers and more than 150 historic highway signs along the trail in Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas where the Potawatomi were marched. In 1988 a commemorative caravan traveled the original route, a trek Potawatomi and others have traveled every five years since.

### New Financial Wellness Workshop Scheduled

Chi Ishobak's next Financial Wellness Workshop will be held at the Community Center in Dowagiac on Saturday, November 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There is no registration fee, but advance registration is required for administrative planning. Lunch will be provided for all attendees.

If you are unable to attend, Chi Ishobak will conduct additional workshops at regular dates and times throughout the season. Chi Ishobak also provides individual financial coaching for tribal citizens that might not be able to make scheduled workshops or do not feel comfortable in the workshop environment.

Chi Ishobak is always looking to provide new and improved resources to Pokagon citizens and financial education is no different. Chi Ishobak has updated its Financial Wellness curriculum to provide increased benefit to citizens. "We currently cover the fundamentals of personal financial management, but wanted to add capacity and wealth building components to our information." Sean Winters said, "The more pertinent information our citizens possess makes for a very strong community."

Chi Ishobak understands the traditional Pokagon values of proper planning and resource management. We also understand the emotion felt when facing financial adversity. In order to be in control of our personal finances we need to learn to properly plan and allocate those finances so that we don't waste our most precious resource, our income. Identifying our financial behaviors is a critical step in this process. Chi Ishobak is committed to providing information, resources, and the necessary support to tribal citizens to help break the cycle of financial adversity. This includes cultural relevance, savings, cash flow planning, debt management, the value of credit, and the emotional side of money.

To register for the November 1 workshop or if you have any questions, please contact Chi Ishobak.

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### STATE OF INDIANA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

in 1838 Governor David Wallace appointed General John Tipton to round up the Potawatomi, whose principal village was that of Chief Menominee at Twin Lakes in Marshall County and deport them to Western Territory. General Tipton called 100 volunteer militia to capture the village and then sent squads of militia in all directions to bring in only Potawatomi from a radius of approximately 50 miles of Plannoush, including parts of Cass. radius of approximately 50 miles of Flymouth, including parts of Cass, Elkhart, Fulton, Kosciusko, LaPorte, Miami, Pulaski, Starke, St. Joseph and possibly more counties, eventually bringing in 859 Potawatomi Indians; and

the Potawatomi men were held captive in the log chapel at Twin Lakes until the morning of September 4, 1838, when the removal march began, and the Potawatomi were marched at gunpoint down Rochester's Main Street on September 5, 1838, said removal suffering 42 deaths, hence the name Trail

in 1976 for the nation's Bicentennial, Rochester Boy Scout troop no. 285 erected a historical marker at Mud Creek to commemorate the first death, and Governor Otis Bowen gave the dedication speech for said marker at Mud Creek, calling it a Trail of Courage; and

the Potawatomi have remained committed to the protection of this great land by continuing to serve honorably in the United States Armed Forces, with Native American Indians having served at a higher percentage than

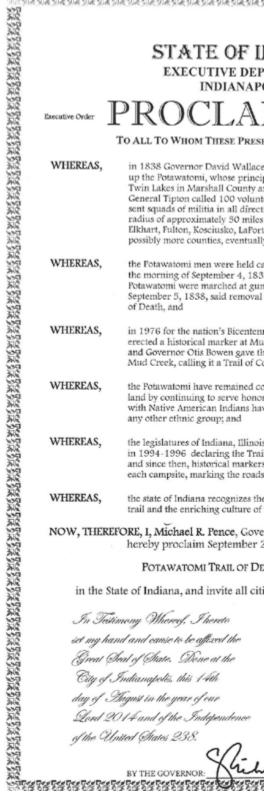
the legislatures of Indiana, Illinois, Missouri and Kansas passed resolutions in 1994-1996 declaring the Trail of Death a Regional Historic Trail, and since then, historical markers and highway signs have been erected at each campsite, marking the roads taken; and

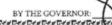
the state of Indiana recognizes the special and historic significance of the trail and the enriching culture of the Potawatomi;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael R. Pence, Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2014 as

### POTAWATOMI TRAIL OF DEATH REMEMBRANCE DAY

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion





### Pokagon LEGO Leaguers Preparing for Tourney Time



Humans are natural learners from the very beginning of their lives and gain knowledge in various ways. Today technology changes at such a high rate of speed, the methods and tools a person uses for learning may change again and again in one lifetime. First LEGO League has announced the LEGO Challenge for 2015; it is called World Class. Teams all over the world have been tasked to research how people have learned in the past and are currently learning and to think of what learning may look like in the future.

The goal is to design an invention that could be used for education, either to improve on something already in existence or to create something brand new. The Pokagon LEGO team has been meeting throughout the summer for teambuilding activities and assembling the robot mission field, and now the research and inventing process begins. It is an exciting time for the six 9–14 year old students as they prepare for the competition tournament in Grandville, Michigan in November.

### October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

### By Casey Kasper, Victim Services Manager/Case Worker

On Saturday, September 13, 2014 the Pokagon Band Tribal Council passed a resolution, brought forth by Councilwoman Andy Jackson, to recognize October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Every October, advocates work hard to raise awareness for domestic violence in our communities. Unfortunately, domestic violence is very common. It is estimated that one in four women will experience domestic violence at some point in her life. The statistics are grimmer for Native American women: two in five Native women will experience domestic violence. If we apply those statistics to the Pokagon Band community, that means 589 of our women will experience domestic violence at some point in their lives. These women are our family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers. Domestic violence happens here and we need to do something to stop it.

Physical violence—like hitting, slapping, punching, and kicking—is what people often think about when they hear "domestic violence." But domestic violence is more than that. Domestic violence also includes non-physical abuse, like emotional abuse, financial abuse, and isolation. Some common myths people have about domestic violence are:

Myth: Domestic violence will never happen to me.

**Fact:** While most victims are women, domestic violence can happen to anyone, regardless of race, gender, income, sexual orientation, or religion.

Myth: I'm not being beaten, so it is not domestic violence.

**Fact:** Domestic violence is more than just physical abuse. Domestic violence is about one person trying to control the other person. Batterers can gain control through putting you down or calling you names. They take control by making threats to harm you, your children, or themselves. They want control by taking your money or by not letting you get a job. They take control by keeping you away from family and friends. They force you to have sex. These are just a few examples of how someone can control you

## Western Michigan Tribes Plan Visit to Western Michigan University



Bronco alumni and other interested community members are invited to spend an evening of Potawatomi culture at Western Michigan University Tuesday, November 18. The Pokagon Band Department of Language and Culture, the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi, and the Jijak Foundation are collaborating to bring this event to the WMU campus.

The evening will include a panel discussion, a dance demonstration and a campus tour. The panel discussion will include two members from each tribe, which will allow the audience to witness the diversity of contemporary Neshnabek and our unique views on the issues that concern us.

The agenda:

5:00 PM Campus tour (you must pre-register for this)

6:30 PM Opening/Welcome from WMU & Tribal Representatives

6:40 PM Panel Discussion
7:40 PM Dance Demonstration

8:30 PM Closing

The event will be at 2000 Student Recreation Center (SRC), directly across the street from the Bernhard Center, at Western Michigan University, 1903 W Michigan Ave, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

For more information or to register for the campus tour, please contact Nicole Holloway (269) 462-4325.

Myth: You must have done something to deserve the abuse.

**Fact:** No one ever asks to be abused. No one deserves to be hurt. It does not matter what you have said or done, violence and intimidation are NEVER okay.

**Myth:** Some women just like all the drama and attention. If it's so bad, why don't they just leave?

**Fact:** No one likes being hurt. People who are being abused may not leave. Or they will come back after leaving for many reasons. Some people do not leave out of fear of being hurt, having anywhere to go, or not having enough money or support to survive on their own. Many times these circumstances are beyond their control.

Myth: Alcohol/drugs are the cause of the abuse.

**Fact:** While alcohol and drugs can make situations more dangerous, they should never be blamed for the abuse. Many abusers never use alcohol or drugs. And many people who abuse substances do not batter. Hurting someone is a choice. And there is no excuse for abuse.

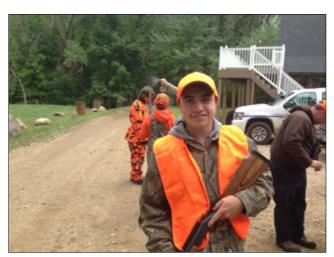
The Department of Social Services and the Domestic Violence Awareness Team have many events scheduled throughout the month of October to raise awareness for violence in the community. There's something for everyone, so we hope to see you at these events!

Domestic violence is a serious problem. If you or someone you know is being hurt and wants help, please contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324. All services are free and confidential.

### Pokagon Kids Exercise their Hunting Sovereignty







The Department of Language and Culture held a Pokagon youth deer hunt September 12 and 13 on tribal trust land near Gage Street lake. This was a weekend earlier than the state of Michigan's youth deer hunt, held September 20 and 21.

The event was open to Pokagons at least ten years old but under 17 who have a valid hunter safety certification and a hunting license issued by the Band's Department of Natural Resources. Because the hunt was held on tribal land, the only license the youth and their chaperones needed was a tribal hunting license.



October 8

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### **Domestic Violence Awareness Month Activities**

The Department of Social Services and the Domestic Violence Awareness Team has planned many activities for Pokagon Band community members to attend during October. These events are to raise awareness of domestic violence and help create a non-violent community. You do not have to be a domestic violence survivor to attend these events.

October 1	Walk the Village   Edawat, 6 PM
October 4	Harvest Day Sponsored by Education and Social Services (all available spaces have been filled)
October 6	Community Mural Painting Session   Department of Social Services Family Visitation Room, 6 PM
October 8	Water Ceremony   Gage Street House, 8 AM

 ${\bf October\,8} \qquad {\bf Health\,Cares\,About\,Domestic\,Violence\,Day\,|\,Health\,Services,All\,day}$ 

Women's Moon Teachings | Gage Street House, 6 PM

October 11 Community Mural Painting Session | Department of Social Services Family Visitation Room, 2 PM

October 12 Taking Care of Each Other's Spirits (Women only) | Community Center, 1 PM (please bring a dish to pass)

#### October 13–17 is Domestic Violence Awareness Week

October 13 Illuminating the Night Vigil | Pow Wow Arena, 6 PM

October 14 Community Mural Painting Session | Social Services Visitation Room, 6 PM

October 15 Gardening with Head Start | Memorial Garden, 10 AM

October 16 Taking Care of Each Other's Spirits (Women only) | Gage Street, 6 PM

October 17 Community Mural Painting Session, Social Services Visitation Room, 6 PM

October 18 Family Food Bundle Workshop with John Pigeon & Cook Off | Pavilion, 10 AM-6 PM

October 18 Cook Off | Pavilion, Noon

October 19 Beginners Sweat and Women's Teachings (Women only) | Andy Jackson's home, 3 PM (please bring a dish to pass)

October 23 All Community Mural Project Canvasses due to Social Services by 5 PM

October 25 Love Should Not Hurt 5K Run/Walk | Rodgers Lake, 10 AM

October 25 Pokagon Band's Got Talent | Community Center, 7 PM

October 26 Two-Spirit Gathering | Community Center, 1 PM

October 27-October 31 Clothesline Display at Admin and Community Center

(will be decorating and collecting shirts throughout the month at DVAM activities)

October 30 Community Mural Project Unveiling | Social Services Family Visitation Room, 6 PM,

If you have any questions about any of these events, please contact Casey Kasper, Victim Services Manager/Case Worker at (269) 462-4324. Please check the website and Pokagon Band social media to stay connected on upcoming events. Information for upcoming events will also be available at all our events throughout the month.



# PHS and Language & Culture Seek Citizen Input

Pokagon Health Services, in partnership with the Department of Language and Culture, want to revive the tribe's Native Healing program and are seeking community ideas and recommendations on how to proceed.

Please share your thoughts on Native Healing by contacting Nicole Holloway at (269) 462-4325 or Nicole.Holloway@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.

### Firewood Available From DNR



Citizens: the tribe has firewood available for your personal use. Please contact the Pokagon Department of Natural Resources at (269) 782–9602 to coordinate pick up; the barn where the wood is located is not always open,

so staff would need to meet you there. Please limit to one truck load at a time.

### Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Seeks Committee Members

Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow Committee is looking for tribal citizens to help in preparation for the Kee-Boon-Mein-Kaa Pow Wow 2015. The next meeting will be on October 14, 2014 beginning at 5:15 pm at the Administration Building Admin Conference Room.

### **October Community Announcement**



Happy 5th birthday
Chelsy Ariel Morseau-Olson

Love you always, Mom, Dad, Sydney, and Jayme

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### Meet Your Senior Youth Council Executive Board

Collin Church Chairman



I am 20 years old. I am currently a junior at Michigan State University majoring in interdisciplinary humanities with a triad in professional writing, policy, and American Indian studies. I serve on the National Native Youth Cabinet for the National Congress of American Indians. Also, I am a recipient of UNITY's first inaugural class of 25 Under 25 Native Youth Leadership Award program. I am an advocate for native youth and fight to promote language, culture, and higher education.

Michael Gamache Member at Large



I'm a 20 year old currently attending Western Michigan University studying film, video, and media. I'm a player and proud supporter of the Pokagon Band Lacrosse team. Also I do some side work for the Language and Culture Department.

Cassondra Church Secretary



I am a senior at Michigan State University pursuing a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies with a cognate in government advocacy and a concentration in psychology. I am also working towards a minor in women and gender studies and a specialization in American Indian studies. I have served as the secretary for the Senior Youth Council for the past three years and enjoy working with my tribal community. In addition to my work with the tribe, I am also very involved on Michigan State's campus. I serve as the secretary of the

North American Indigenous Student Organization; the vice president of Sista 2 Sista (Sisters No Matter the Color program for women in academic transition); the treasurer of University Village government (UV300); the banquet and logistics chair of Women's Initiative for Leadership Development (WILD); a member of the Pow Wow of Love planning committee and I help coordinate meetings between the Council of Racial and Ethnic Students (CORES) & the Council of Progressive Students (COPS) on campus. I am so honored and blessed by the opportunities my tribe has offered me and look forward to continuing to serve my tribe and community to the best of my ability.

#### Alex Wesaw Treasurer



Currently, I am attending The Ohio State University's Austin E. Knowlton School of Architecture to earn my PhD in city and regional planning, concentrating on economic planning and development. In May 2014, I graduated from Ohio University for the second time, earning a Master's in Public Administration (MPA), concentrating his studies on policy innovation and strategic leadership. Before earning my MPA, I received a bachelor's in communication, concentrating on studies related to organizational communication and public advocacy in

March 2012.

I previously was involved with establishing our tribe's Apprenticeship Program on the Apprenticeship Steering Committee. Additionally, I represent not only our tribe, but all tribes across the United States, on the national level, as the Co-President of the Youth Commission for the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) as well as a Cabinet Member of NCAI's Policy Research Center's first National Native Youth Cabinet. I am a director on the board of the National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) where I have been fortunate to host NICWA's past two national conferences. This past June, I was recognized (along with Colin Church) as an inductee into the United National Indigenous Tribal Youth's (UNITY) first cohort of 25 Under 25 Leaders in Indian Country.

Finally, my goal in this lifetime is to make meaningful change in society; in November 2013, I was invited to attend the fifth annual White House Tribal Leaders Summit—and thanks to the gracious support of our Tribal Council I was able to attend the summit. This solidified my desire and passion to make meaningful, lasting, change in society.

Skyler Daisy Member at Large



### Riddle

Last month's riddle winner is **Emelie Allred** who answered, "What does an island and the letter T have in common?" The answer was "They both are in the middle of water."

**Kathy Church** has also won a gift card for her riddle being selected for this month:

#### What goes around a haunted house and never stops?

Mail in your correct answer or e-mail it to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card. Another way to win is to mail or e-mail your own riddle and the person whose riddle is selected for the next newsletter will win a gift card.

### **Curriculum Committee Needs Your Input**



While you're at the Halloween Party Friday, October 24, spend some time with the Curriculum Committee and voice your thoughts about a Pokagon school. The Committee would like to hear ideas and input from Pokagons and caregivers to Pokagon citizens, and update everyone on the tribal school planning progress.

Curriculum Committee members will be holding a town hall-style meeting and citizen interviews throughout the evening from 6:00-

8:00 p.m. Please stop by during the party to offer your opinions.

### October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

The best fight against breast cancer is being aware of the signs and symptoms and catching it early. Monthly self breast exams are recommended. The signs and symptoms to watch for are:

- Swelling, warmth, redness or darkening
- Change in breast size or shape
- Dimpling or puckering of the skin
- Itchy, scaly sore or rash on the nipple
- Pulling in of your nipple or other parts of the breast
- Nipple discharge that starts suddenly
- New pain in one spot
- Lump hard knot or thickening in the breast
- Early sign may be lump or swelling in the underarm lymph node

Women 50–69 years old should be getting a mammogram at least every one to two years. If you are under 50 you should be getting a breast exam done at least every three years with your pap smear. Leading medical and cancer research associations recommend mammogram screening starting at age 40; biannually and for high risk women annually. They recommend women to talk with their provider about their risk verses the risk of radiology exposure and decide if annually or biannually is better.

Men should also be aware of breast cancer. Although most cases in the United States are women over the age of 40, young women and men should also monitor their breasts for changes.

Make an appointment at Pokagon Health Services with a provider for a breast exam and mammogram this month. We also have registered nurses at the clinic and community health nurses that can teach you what you need to know about breast cancer awareness. If you have any questions or concerns contact PHS at (888) 440-1234.

#### How To Perform a Breast Self Exam

Step 1: Look for Changes

In front of the mirror:

- Hold your arms at your side
- Hold your arms over your head
- Press your hands on your hips and tighten your chest muscles
- Bend forward with your hands on your hips

Step 2: Feel for Changes

### Lying down:

- Lie down on your back with a pillow under your right shoulder
- Use the pads of the three middle fingers on your left hand to check your right breast
- Press using light, medium and firm pressure in a circle without lifting your fingers off the skin
- Follow an up and down pattern
- Feel for changes in your breast, above and below your collarbone and in your armpit
- Repeat on your left breast using your right hand

Step 2 can be repeated while bathing or showering using soapy hands.





Join the Pokagon Band's Community Advisory Board to help revitalize traditional peacemaking as an important way of life for our people.

Witness a peacemaking circle

Learn why and how native peacemaking concepts and principles to resolve conflicts and disputes can be part of this community's future.

 $Meet\ peace making\ facilitators\ Ada\ Pecos-Melton,\ Paul\ Raphael\ and\ JoAnne\ Gasco.$ 

 $Lunch is provided. \ Contact \ Stacey \ Gettig, Peace making \ Initiative \ Support \ Staff, at \ (269) \ 783-0505 \ or \ stacey.gettig@pokagonband-nsn.gov.$ 

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### Elders Lunch Menu | Bnakwi gises October

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Pork Loin Baked Potato Carrots Tomato Salad Applesauce Roll	Reuben Sandwich Baked Beans Relish and Veggie Tray Melon	Swedish Meatballs and Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Waldorf Salad Roll	Beef Roast Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Asparagus Garden Salad Roll	Potato Soup Fish Square on a Bun Relish and Veggie Tray Cherry Pie
3 language	4	<u>.</u>	social luncheon	17
Beef Goulash Spinach Salad Brussels Sprouts Cottage Cheese and Peaches Garlic Bread	Pork Chops Baked Steak Fries Corn on the Cob Cucumber Salad Dessert	Breaded Cod Sweet Potatoes Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad Blueberry Pie Roll	Chicken Breast in Gravy over Biscuits Butternut Squash Garden Salad Cupcakes	Buffalo Stew Garden Salad Cornbread Fruit Sherbet
20 language	21	22	23	24
Buffalo Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Mixed Vegetables Garden Salad Roll	Turkey Stuffed Cabbage Alfredo Noodles Sliced Tomatoes Cottage Cheese Carrot Cake	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Tri-Blend Veggies Coleslaw Chocolate Brownie Roll	Salmon Patty Baked Potato Green Bean Casserole Ambrosia Salad Roll	Chicken Stir Fry W/ Fresh Veggies Brown Rice Garden Salad Fortune Cookie Roll
27 language	28	29	30	3 halloween
Chicken Noodle Soup Egg Salad Sandwich Relish and Veggie Tray Yogurt W// Fruit Cup	Meat or Veggie Lasagna Carrots Garden Salad Garlic Bread Tiramisu Cupcake	Ham Scalloped Potatoes Green Beans Jell-O W/ Fruit Roll	Roast Beef in Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Broccoli and Cauliflower Tomato Salad Dessert	Tortilla Crusted Tilapia Rice Pilaf Asparagus Garden Salad Blueberries
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PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE if you are not a regular attendee for meals. (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 Noon. Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers. Business meetings are held at the Community Center. Business and social luncheons are potlucks. Please bring a dish to pass.

## **Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications**

To maintain effective communications, it is critical that citizens keep their addresses—and those of their children—updated. Many addresses currently in our system are out of date or undeliverable. If you move, please let the enrollment office know as soon as possible, and have your and your dependent's address updated. If your bank account is closed, we mail a live check to you in the next Per Capita check run. If your address is undeliverable, you will not receive this check until you have updated your address.

Contact enrollment coordinator Beth Edelberg at (888)782-1001 to change your address.

### Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment Office at (269) 782–1763 or Barb Vincent in the Finance Department at (269) 462–4209.

			Christmas				
Enrollment #	Name	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	Х	х	х	Х	х	
202	Jeffrey Morseau					х	Х
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	Х	х	х	х	х	Х
857	Peter John Ramirez	Х	х	х	х	х	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	Х	х	х	х	х	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			х	х	х	Х
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		Х	х	х	х	Х
4442	Mason Tyler Currey					х	

Please note - you must have a deliverable address on file.

### Attention 18- to 20-Year-Olds | Per Capita Information

Attention all high school seniors who are graduating from high school or individuals who may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Attn: Enrollment Office P O Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047 OR fax to: (269) 782-1964

The document must be received by November 3 in order to make it on the December 2014 check run. Anything received after November 3 will be processed on the check run for January, 2015. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

### Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, December 6, 2013	Thursday, December 19, 2013	Friday, December 20, 2013
Wednesday, January 15, 2014	Thursday, January 30, 2014	Friday, January 31, 2014
Friday, February 14, 2014	Thursday, February 27, 2014	Friday, February 28, 2014
Friday, March 14, 2014	Thursday, March 27 2014	Friday, March 28, 2014
Tuesday, April 15, 2014	Tuesday, April 29, 2014	Wednesday, April 30, 2014
Thursday, May 15, 2014	Thursday, May 29, 2014	Friday, May 30, 2014
Friday, June 13, 2014	Thursday, June 26, 2014	Friday, June 27, 2014
Tuesday, July 15, 2014	Wednesday, July 30, 2014	Thursday, July 31, 2014
Friday, August 15, 2014	Thursday, August 28, 2014	Friday, August 29, 2014
Monday, September 15, 2014	Monday, September 29, 2014	Tuesday, September 30, 2014
Wednesday, October 15, 2014	Thursday, October 30, 2014	Friday, October 31, 2014
Monday, November 3, 2014*	Tuesday, November 25, 2014	Wed, November 26, 2014

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that in December the deadline to receive changes is December 6 and November the deadline to receive changes is November 3, this is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

### Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

For those tribal citizens receiving per capita checks in the mail and who do not have direct deposit, enclosed with your check you will find a direct deposit and a tax withholding form. These will be included with your check every month until we achieve 100% direct deposits.

The tribe is currently having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe is offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. We are making efforts to give everyone a chance to set up a bank account of your choice and on your own.

As always, the tax withholding form is not mandatory although highly suggested as per capita payments are subject to federal and state taxes. The tribe only withholds federal taxes with a completed form, state taxes are the responsibility of the citizen

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. Both of the above stated forms are available online at www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as I receive it by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as I do not receive any errors from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

### **Tribal Council October Calendar of Events**

- 6 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 7 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- II Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 13 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 14 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 20 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 21 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 27 Tribal Council Special Session, meeting canceled
- 28 Gaming Authority Closed, meeting canceled

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

#### **Tribal Council November Calendar of Events**

- I Quarterly Meeting, 10 a.m.
- 3 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 4 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 8 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 11 Offices closed in observation of Veterans Day
- 17 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 18 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 24 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m
- 25 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

### Notice of Open Position | Constitutional Review Board

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon Band citizens to fill the one open position available on the recently created Constitutional Review Board ("Board"). The Board is a five person Board, comprised of two Tribal Council members, one Elders Council member, one Senior Youth Council member, and one open position available for a Band citizen. The Tribal Council is seeking to fill the one open position.

**DESCRIPTION OF BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES.** Article XXI of the Band's Constitution requires the Tribal Council review the provisions of the Constitution at least every ten years to ensure that such provisions continue to meet the needs of the Band. The Tribal Council established the Board to carry out an initial review of the Constitution to determine whether there are any provisions within the Constitution that no longer meet the needs of the Band. If the Board determines that there are provisions that no longer meet the needs of the Band, the Board must develop and review proposed amendments that will meet the needs of the Band. In its development and review of proposed amendments, the Board must seek input from Band citizens. The Board is required to prepare a written report to the Tribal Council containing the Board's recommendations of any proposed amendments to the Band's Constitution, and for each proposed amendment, a discussion and explanation of how the existing provision does not meet the needs of the Band and how the proposed amendment will better meet the needs of the Band. The Board must also present its written report to the Tribal Council; however, prior to submission to the Tribal Council, the Board must provide Band citizens with a reasonable opportunity to comment on the report. The Board must submit its written report to the Tribal Council not later than September 1, 2015. The Board will automatically dissolve after the Board presents its written report to the Tribal Council.

Additional information concerning the Board may be found in the Board's bylaws, which are located on the Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/boards/constitutional-review-board.

**ELIGIBILITY.** In order to be eligible to serve on the one open position on the Board, a person must:

- I. Be a Band citizen; and
- 2. Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

**TIME COMMITMENT.** Because this is a newly created Board, the time commitment required to prepare for and attend Board meetings is not known. The Board will meet as needed to fulfill the duties of the Board.

**COMPENSATION.** Board members are independent contractors and compensated for service to the Board at rates established by the Tribal Council. Currently, the compensation rate per meeting established for Board members (in non-officer positions) is \$150 per meeting. In addition, Board members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend Board meetings, in accordance with the Band's Travel Policy.

**TERM.** Board members serve at the pleasure of the Tribal Council and once appointed, their term shall conclude upon the dissolution of the Board.

**APPOINTMENT PROCESS.** Appointments to the Board are made by the Tribal Council.

Before any Pokagon Band citizen is appointed to serve on the Board, the Tribal Council will verify a potential appointee meets the requirements to serve on the Board. Anyone not meeting the eligibility requirement shall not be considered for appointment to the Board.

All persons who wish to be considered for appointment must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the written statements of interest and resumes; provided, however, that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person who believes that good cause exists to not attend such meeting should contact the Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council, who will share the information with the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council has not yet established the meeting date at which it will consider appointments to the Board.

**HOW TO APPLY.** Pokagon Band citizens who meet the qualifications, and wish to be considered for appointment to the Board, must submit a current resume and a written statement of interest to Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council, by one of the following three methods:

Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary

P O Box 180, Dowagiac MI 49047

Fax: (269) 782-9625, Attn: Kelly Curran

Or email Kelly Curran at Kelly.curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Questions concerning the Board may be directed to Steve Winchester, Tribal Council member and Chairperson of the Board, by email at steve.winchester@pokagon-band-nsn.gov or by telephone at (269) 591-0119.

**ETHICS REQUIREMENTS.** As Public Officials, Board members are subject to the Pokagon Band Code of Ethics. A copy of the Code of Ethics may be obtained from the Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

**DEADLINE.** Please provide your resume and written statement of interest as soon as possible. All written statements of interest and resumes must be received by the Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council not later than October 15, 2014.

### **Tribal Office Directory**

Administration Information Technology 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998 Toll Free (800) 517-0777 FAX (269) 782-6882

Commodities (269) 782-3372 Toll Free (888) 281-1111 FAX (269) 782-7814

Communications 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998

Compliance 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998

Chi Ishobak 415 E Prairie Ronde Street (269) 783-4157

**Education and Training** 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-0887 Toll Free (888) 330-1234 FAX (269) 782-0985

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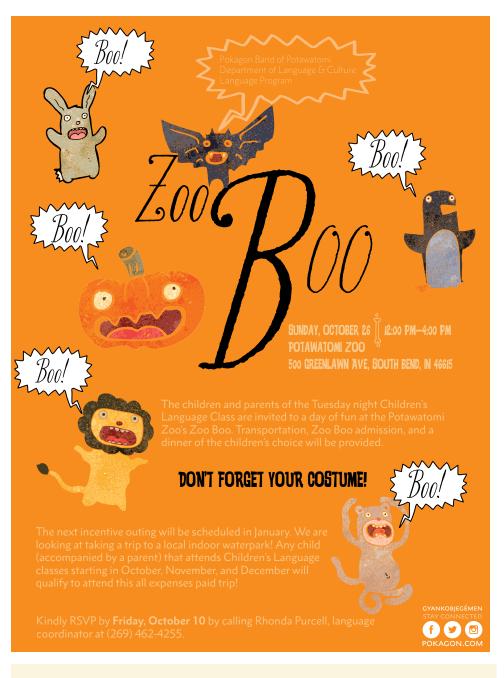
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### **Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted**

Both Senior and Junior Youth Councils are open to any Pokagon youngster. Anyone can join, and eventually run for the executive board. Besides the age divisions, there are differences between the two groups. The Junior Youth Council provides a voice for native youth between the ages of 12 and 18. The Council promotes the development of future tribal leaders through educational attainment and Potawatomi language, culture, pride, and identity. The Junior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for native youth to interact for fun and friendship.

The Senior Youth Council provides a voice for Pokagon citizens between the ages of 18 and 24. The Senior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for Pokagon young adults to interact for fun and friendship. The Council mobilizes members toward positive goals, promotes the development of future tribal leaders and educates native youth about tribal government.





Friday, October 17-Sunday, October 19 Five Pines facility Berrien Center, MI

Are you between the ages of 12 and 24? Join other young people from Michigan tribes in a weekend of adventure-based team building, cultural activities and collaborative fun. Partake in numerous challenges, lessons about conflict resolution, perceived risk-taking, and enhanced goal setting.

Meals, lodging and transportation are included and will be provided with your registration.

To register and for more information, please contact Nicole Holloway at (269) 462-4325 or nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

Space is limited. Download required waivers at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/language-and-culture.







### **Native American Community Outreach Program**

Hosted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Friday, November 21 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Are you a Pokagon student in grades 9th through 12th who is interested in building leadership skills? Starting to consider a college major? Join members of the Native American  $\mathcal E$  Hispanic Business Students for a day of workshops around developing your resume, public speaking and presentation skills, information about multicultural business programs, leadership, Pokagon Band history and hands on activities. Participants will have opportunitites to collaborate and socialize with MSU students.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided

Space is limited. Please contact Sam Morseau, director of Education, for more information and registration at (269) 782-0887 or (888) 330-1234.







Department of Social Services

# COOKINGCLASS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23
12:00P.M.-1:00 P.M.
COMMODITY KITCHEN,
SOCIAL SERVICES BUILDING
58620 SINK ROAD, DOWAGIAC, MI

Pokagon citizens and staff are invited to join chefs from Four Winds restaurants for cooking classes the fourth Thursday of each month, and learn how to turn every day ingredients into delicious dishes.

Spots are limited. Please call to reserve your seat, (269) 782-3372.





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### **Apprentices Build Gazebo and Restore Church Roof**









Pokagon Band apprentices are completing project after project, on tribal land and in the broader community.

The Apprenticeship Program provides tribal citizens with valuable training and experience in carpentry, during which time they earn a regular salary for their work. Upon graduation, participants leave with life-long knowledge and skills they can use to obtain jobs.

The apprentices' most recently completed project is a gazebo, constructed of cedar wood. The gazebo sits outside the Social Services building in the Head Start Garden. It has an east-facing main entrance, as well as openings to the other directions.

The Domestic Violence Awareness Team requested the gazebo be built.

"It was built so that people would have a nice and solitary place to sit," said Workforce Training and Resource Specialist Traci Henslee.

With the gazebo completed, the apprentices began work on the New Birth Christian Ministries Church in South Bend. They are restoring its crumbling roof.

"When we met Rev. Gathright, we were impressed with the good works of his church, and its potential to expand that work in this inspiring building once the roof was repaired," said Chairman John P. Warren. "As native people, we understand community needs, and the Pokagon Band is proud and fortunate to be in a position to give back to South Bend's neighborhoods."

Reconstructing the roof will count for part of the apprentices' 8,000 hours of on-the-job training required to graduate.

"We're also glad to give our Apprentices an opportunity to work on this project," Warren said. "On-the-job training is a key factor in the Apprenticeship program, and having such work experience on a historic, nearly 90 year-old structure will broaden their skills."

Find out more about the Apprenticeship Program, including how to apply, at pokagon.com/business-community/apprenticeship-program.

### Pokagon Health Services Moves to New Health Center



The move to the new Health Center will begin the afternoon of Thursday, November 6. Patient appointments will only be scheduled for that morning, after which PHS will close at noon to begin the move.

From Friday, November 7 to Thursday, November 13, PHS will remain closed to complete the move to the new facility. On Friday, November 14 the new Health Center will be operational beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Pharmacy staff strongly encourages patients to get their medications refilled, if needed, before the move to ensure enough prescription supplies during the closure.

GRAND OPENING EVENTS: Join us to formally open the Pokagon Health Center.

Citizen Open House Thursday, November 20

4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Facility tours, refreshments

Opening Ceremonies Friday, November 21

11 a.m. Leadership remarks, tours, refreshments

### They couldn't. But you can.



### Are you ready for the November 4 General Election?

November 4 is Election Day. If you're registered to vote, what is your plan for voting? Do you know where your polling place is? What time of day do you plan to vote?

Native Vote is part of the Election Protection Coalition, established to protect the rights of citizens across the country. This hotline

number: (866) OUR-VOTE will respond to the questions and concerns of voters and serve as a "crisis line" in the event of Election Day problems. Through (866) OUR-VOTE and voter protection programs across the country, Americans from coast to coast can make sure their vote is counted.

### **Gardening with Head Start**

**Native** 













Kids from the Head Start Program gathered outside the Social Services building to learn about treating each other with kindness and to plant lilac trees, in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

First, the kids ripped through the purple streamers encasing the new gazebo to signify its grand opening. Then, everyone offered tobacco to the new trees, wishing they will grow big and tall. The final task was to hoist the trees inside the holes, then cover them up with dirt, so the kids wasted no time and dug in.

### Department of Education Launches Lifelong Learning Development Programs

#### **Elders Program**

The Department of Education has mailed out a survey to the Pokagon Band elders, requesting information that will assist in developing programs to complement Elder needs. The survey requested that it be returned ASAP, as there will be a drawing held at the November elders Business Meeting on November 6, 2014.

The drawing will be held at the Pokagon Band Community Center, and one Kindle Fire HD will be given away to one lucky winner that returned the survey. The winner need not be present to win, and if not present will receive it in the mail. The Kindle Fire HD will be incorporated into the new reading program offered by the Department of Education.

#### Honoring Our Graduates Program

The College Graduate Gift Program is still seeking applications from those who have graduated with a Bachelor's Degree or higher. Please turn in a copy of your diploma and attach it with the College Graduate Gift application.

The College Graduate Gift has traditionally been a Pendleton Blanket to show honor and respect from the Department of Education and the Pokagon Band. The application may be found at the Pokagon Band website under the Department of Education, and submitted either by mail or in person.



# Your love shelters our children.

### Pokagon Band families foster.

Neshnabe teachings say that caring for the children is everyone's responsibility. Traditionally, extended family and clan family members would take responsibility for their children if parents couldn't.

Today many Pokagon children need your help. Becoming a tribal foster parent isn't difficult. Besides getting a background check and a license, all you need is patience, caring and commitment. Licensing classes are free; many counties reimburse for child care while you take classes.

"I would suggest anybody give it a try, the process is nothing like what you might imagine," says one foster parent. "The need was greater than what you'd expect."

For this parent, one of the best parts of fostering has been seeing how happy the children are. "It opens your eyes and helps you become more involved in your own culture, and how important it is for the whole community to be a family."

To learn more about fostering Pokagon children, please contact the Department of Social Services at (269) 462-4216.

### Birdhouses placed around Dowagiac property

The Band has built new office space for the Housing and Facilities Department, a vast center for community wellness, and now homes for our native birds

If you drive through our Dowagiac land, you will see little bird houses sticking out of the ground, thanks to money received by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

Last summer's culture camp kids painted and decorated the homes as part of a joint project with the DNR and Language and Culture Department. The Education Department has also been involved through their Environmental Justice Grant.

These bird houses were created specifically for bluebirds, but the DNR also received money to place wood boxes for ducks and kestrels, another type of bird. These homes will be distributed this winter.

"We're also going to keep track of the success of each box so we can see over the years how much use they are getting," said Natural Resources Manager Vic Bogosian III.

The bird homes will need maintenance each year to keep them habitable. The DNR is accepting volunteers to ride along and help clean them out each year so new bird families can move in. You can contact the DNR at (269) 782-9602.







### Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Pokégnek Yajdanawa is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in Pokegnek Yajdanawa. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the fourteenth of each month. Please send items for publication to:

Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047

Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov

### LaDonna Harris Documentary Airing on PBS

LaDonna Harris was a revolutionary political figure of her day. She is a Comanche from Oklahoma, but she isn't just respected or known among other natives. She advised the Nixon administration, founded a Native American leadership organization and was a vice-presidential nominee.

Now, you can watch her incredible life unfold on screen.

Executive Producer Johnny Depp and Producer and Director Julianna Brannum—also of the Comanche tribe—have created a one-hour documentary that is available to air on PBS starting November 1.

The film, titled *LaDonna Harris: Indian 101*, takes its name from the Native American education course Harris developed for the executive and legislative braches of the US government, per the request of President Lyndon B. Johnson. This course was taught to members of Congress and other federal agencies for more than 35 years.

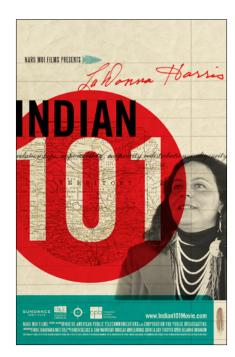
Another noticed accomplishment of Harris is her help in convincing the Nixon administration to return sacred land to

the Taos Pueblo Indians of New Mexico. She also founded the Americans for Indian Opportunity in 1970, an organization that is still training up Native American leaders today.

Harris took a bi-partisan approach to political and social issues, gaining respect from Native Americans, the media and politicians.

The documentary follows Harris' journey from growing up on a farm during the Great Depression to her husband being elected into the Senate, giving her the opportunity she needed to become a voice for Native Americans.

LaDonna Harris: Indian 101 is funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and Vision Maker Media. Find out more at www.visionmakermedia.org/watch, and check your local listings to find out when you can watch and experience Harris' journey for yourself.



### New Playground Open at Pokégnek Édawat









Members of Tribal Council, staff and Pokagon kids helped dedicate the new playground and basketball court at the Édawat Village the afternoon of September 26. The workers and carpenters apprentices who built it—including Youth Council members Skyler Daisy and Brody Race—were on hand to enjoy





the treats from the ice cream truck that the Housing Department brought in for the occasion. Eventually the kids in attendance took a break from their play to enjoy the treats, too.

### Harvest Day Event Rainy Fun

Saturday, October 4, was cold and wet, but this did not hinder the Departments of Education and Social Services from hosting Harvest Day. Festivities were promptly relocated to Dowagiac Middle School. Families who were present at the event were provided with hayride and corn maze tickets to be redeemed by November 1 at Sprague's Family Fun Farm.

On behalf of the Domestic Violence Awareness Team, Casey Kasper presented valuable information and shared a list of events offered to citizens throughout October known as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Storyteller/Musician Karen Czarnik performed songs using her autoharp and entertained the crowd with several stories, some of which displayed empowerment in children. She created an interactive experience by encouraging the audience to sing and dance along with the characters. Children and parents alike enjoyed the show.

"It's like watching Disney, but live!" expressed grandparent Clifford Peoples.

Families were also treated to apple cider and homemade cider donuts, courtesy of Amanda Marie's Bakery. Pumpkins, carving kits, and goodies were given as parting gifts to all who attended. Harvest Day was a great day!







### Do You Need Help with Your Winter Heating Bills?

The Social Services Department will start accepting applications for LIHEAP on November 3, 2014. Remember this program is designed to provide a one-time heating assistance payment to help with the high energy costs during the winter months. The program is designed to assist citizens living within our service area; LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Starke, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties in Indiana; and Cass, Berrien, Allegan, and Van Buren Counties in Michigan.

- To apply call or come into the Social Services Department at 58620 Sink Road, Dowagiac. Phone number (269) 782–8998 or 1(800) 517–0777 or you may fax information to (269) 782–4295. Information may also be found on the Pokagon website.
- Proof of all household income is needed:
  - 1. Proof of last 30 days of income; including Per Capita and/or
  - 2. Award letters from (SSI, RSDI, Elder's Stipend, VA, etc...) and/or
  - 3. Child Support Received or paid or
  - 4. Completion of Zero Income Form if those above do not apply.
- Provider's bill.
- Social Security numbers for all household members is required.
- Tribal identification is also required.

The Income Guidelines are as follows:

Household Size	Income Limit			
	IN	MI		
1	\$22,170	\$23,085		
2	\$28,991	\$30,189		
3	\$35,813	\$37,292		
4	\$42,634	\$44,395		
5	\$49,455	\$51,498		
6	\$56,277	\$58,601		

\*\* For family units in Indiana of more than 6 members, add \$6,821 for each additional member. For families living in Michigan, add \$7,103 for each additional member



# Notice to Elders Regarding the Cancellation of the 2014 Elders Council Election

On October 9, 2014, the Election Board certified the List of Candidates for the 2014 Elders Council Election. There was only one certified candidate for the office of Chairperson and one certified candidate for the office of Secretary and no candidate for Member At-Large (which will be filled by appointment of the Elders Council). When there is only one certified candidate for an elective office, the Election Board is required by Pokagon Band law to deem such candidate elected and not to hold an election for that particular office.

Because the office of Chairperson, Secretary, and Member At-Large were the only three offices in the election, the Election Board will not be conducting a 2014 Elders Council Election and cancelled all related events, including the Meet the Candidates Forum. Both of the certified candidates who were deemed elected will be sworn in to office at the Tribal Council meeting scheduled for December 13, 2014 at 10:00 am.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call the Election Board office at (269) 782-9475 or (888) 782-9475.

# Upcoming Cultural Opportunities and Workshops

### Beginning November 1

Come to the Language and Culture Department's new office at Rodgers Lake anytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to work on your regalia or make traditional craft items with assistance from a staff person. Call Nicole Holloway at (269) 462-4325 for more information or to reserve time after hours.

#### Two Sundays per month, starting January 4, 2015

Join other Nishnabe for regalia and moccasin making, mitten making, basket weaving workshops, cultural teachings from noon to 5 p.m. at the Community Center. Stay tuned for more details.

Do you have a traditional skill or specialty that you'd like to share with other community members? The Department of Language and Culture would like to hear from you about leading or helping out with our workshops. Call Nicole Holloway at (269) 462-4325 for more information.

# **Sovereignty Day Event Sees Hundreds of Celebrants**

Pokagons of all ages enjoyed carnival rides, games, and food celebrating the tribe's 20th anniversary of sovereignty restoration Saturday, September 20 at Rodgers Lake. From the dueling pianos to the zip line, citizens and staff made the most of the day's fun until the evening activities were unfortunately cut short by a rainstorm. Ribbon Town drummed, Veterans presented the flags, and dancers twirled and stomped during the opening ceremony. Tribal elders and leaders shared stories

and memories of the journey to reaffirmation. Before a group photo of all the attendees was taken, everyone present who had been in the Oval Office when President Clinton signed the restoration act gathered to mark the day with a picture (lower right, middle).























#### Riddle

Last month's riddle winner is **Liz Serba** who answered, "What goes around a haunted house and never stops?" The answer was "A Fence."

Lake Serba has also won a gift card for his riddle being selected. Check it out. What's inside a genie's turkey?

Mail in your correct answer or e-mail it to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card. Another way to win is to mail or e-mail your own riddle and the person whose riddle is selected for the next newsletter will win a gift card.

#### November is National Diabetes Awareness Month



According to the American Diabetes Association's 2011 National Diabetes Fact Sheet, 25.8 million people (8.3% of adults and children) in the United Sates have diabetes. There are 18.8 million people who are diagnosed, 7 million of these people are not diagnosed, and 1.9 million new cases of diabetes in people ages 20 years and older for the year 2010. American Indians/American

Natives are twice as likely to develop diabetes as other groups. The increase of diabetes is directly related to obesity in all groups in the United States. If diabetes goes untreated it can lead to heart disease and stroke, high blood pressure, blindness, kidney disease, nervous system disease, amputation, and many other health related issues including death. These health issues do not have to accompany diabetes if treatment and lifestyle changes are started early. Some of the signs and symptoms to watch for are:

- Constant trips to the bathroom
- Unquenchable thirst/Unusual thirst
- Losing weight without trying
- Weakness and fatigue
- Tingling or numbness in your hands, legs or feet
- Blurred vision
- Skin that is dry or itchy
- Frequent infections or cuts and bruises that take a long time to heal
- Extreme hunger
- Recurring skin, gum, or bladder infections

#### Treatment:

- Medication tablets
- Insulin
- Exercise
- Diet

#### Diagnosis:

- Hemoglobin A1C
- Fasting plasma glucose (FPG) test: Measures glucose in someone who has not
- Oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT): measures blood glucose after someone has not eaten for 8 hours and then 2 hours after someone drinks a glucose containing beverage.
- Random plasma glucose test: tests the blood glucose without regard to when the person last ate.

#### Risk Factors:

- Genetics and family history
- Disease of the pancreas
- Infection or illness
- Obesity or being overweight
- Family history
- Sedentary lifestyle
- Polycystic ovarian disease
- Age over 45
- History of gestational diabetes
- High blood pressure
- Insulin resistance

Diabetes is not a death sentence as once thought. If diabetes is controlled with diet, exercise, life style changes, and medication an individual can lead a normal life with normal longevity. Although once damage from diabetes is done to the body, you can't reverse the effects. Prevention and early treatment are crucial to prevent additional life threatening issues that can arise if diabetes goes untreated.

If you have any questions or have any of the signs and symptoms listed above, please contact Pokagon Health Services to schedule an appointment with a provider. If you have diabetes, ask about our diabetes support group. Please call (888) 440-1234 or (269) 782-4141.

# Pokagon Artist Candi Wesaw Displays Work in University Exhibit

Pokagon Band citizen and artist Candi Wesaw is showing her artwork in her own exhibit at the Ohio State University at Newark. More than 75 of Wesaw's pieces are currently in the university's LeFevre Hall Art Gallery, each portraying the culture of our tribe.

Wesaw's drawings depict how life was many years ago for our Potawatomi ancestors, but her photographs are also on display in the exhibit that show present day life for Pokagon Band citizens. Wesaw also creates traditional native crafts that are in the exhibit.

Wesaw is an artist, illustrator, and educator who dabbles in several

different art mediums, but each piece she creates comes back to the Potawatomi people of the present and

"Her artwork really captures the unique essence of the Potawatomi tribe, and it's an honor to have that on display here," said Pokagon citizen and Assistant Professor John N. Low, JD, Ph.D. of the Department of Comparative Studies at Ohio State Newark.

Wesaw's artwork will be on display from now until December 8. Contact Professor Low for more information at low.89@osu.edu.



### Housing and Facilities Department Moves to New Building



The Housing and Facilities Department moved out of the Community Center and into their own office space this October. Their new building is located across the street from the Community Center, at 57824 East Pokagon Trail in Dowagiac.

Chi Ishobak now occupies some of Housing's former offices in the Community Center, moving from their offices on Prairie

Visit Housing's new place, and keep informed about their programs and other opportunities on their webpage.



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The Court has approved the publication of this *Notice* because there is no valid address.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COURT NOTICE BY PUBLICATION CASE NO. 14-2859-PCDCS 58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047 Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

#### NOTICE OF

# MOTION TO UPDATE DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION

To: Charles Brian Gillan II Respondent's Name

- 1. Notice is hereby given that a *Motion to Update Delinquent Child Support Obligation* was filed with the Tribal Court on September 18, 2014 in the matter referenced above.
- 2. Tribal law mandates that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy **delinquent** court-ordered child support. **See** Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.
- 3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. **See** 28 USC § 1738B, Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act.
- 4. The current order to withhold and redirect per capita payments for delinquent child support remains in full force and effect.
- 5. An *Order Updating Delinquent Child Support Obligation* shall be entered by this Court within fourteen (14) days of the date of publication of this Notice unless you file an objection to the recognition of the foreign court order based on the grounds listed in Paragraph 6.
- 6. You may file (a) written objection(s) to the **recognition** of the foreign court order with the Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that the:
  - a. foreign court lacked personal or subject matter jurisdiction; or
  - b. foreign order was obtained by fraud, duress or coercion.
- 7. Unless you file an objection to the **enforcement** of the foreign court order, an *Order Updating Delinquent Child Support Obligation* will apply ALL of your per capita payments to satisfy the **delinquent** court-ordered child support in each case until such time as the **delinquent** child support obligations are satisfied, or until further order of this Court. Objections must be filed within the fourteen (14) day objection period and MUST demonstrate that:
  - a. you do not owe a DELINQUENT child support obligation; or
  - b. redirection of all of your per capita payments would create an EXTRAORDINARY UNDUE HARDSHIP to your health or general
- 8. If you file a written objection based on any of the grounds listed above, a hearing will be scheduled. At the hearing, you will be required to establish grounds why the *Order Updating Delinquent Child Support Obligation* should not be granted by this Court.

The Court has approved the publication of this *Notice* because there is no valid address.

POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI INDIANS TRIBAL COURT NOTICE BY PUBLICATION CASE NO. 14-2862-PCDCS

58620 Sink Rd., P.O. Box 355, Dowagiac, MI 49047 Phone (269) 783-0505 Fax (269) 783-0519

#### NOTICE OF

# MOTION TO UPDATE DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT OBLIGATION

To: Charles Brian Gillan II Respondent's Name

- 1. Notice is hereby given that a *Motion to Update Delinquent Child Support Obligation* was filed with the Tribal Court on September 19, 2014 in the matter referenced above.
- 2. Tribal law mandates that all, or an appropriate portion of per capita payments due to an enrolled member of the Pokagon Band who is eligible for the per capita distributions, shall be directed so as to satisfy **delinquent** court-ordered child support. **See** Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians *Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan*.
- 3. Obligations for child support are presumed to be valid unless shown otherwise. **See** 28 USC § 1738B, Full Faith and Credit for Child Support Orders Act.
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### Notice of Open Position | Ethics Board

**POSITION DESCRIPTION.** The Pokagon Band Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest and résumés from Pokagon Band citizens interested in serving on the Pokagon Band Ethics Board. There is one seat available on the Ethics Board. The Ethics Board, a five member Board, is an instrumentality of the Pokagon Band government created by the Pokagon Band Ethics Code in fulfillment of Article XVII, Section 3 of the Pokagon Band Constitution. The Ethics Board is responsible for ensuring compliance with the Ethics Code by Pokagon Band officials and employees.

**TIME COMMITMENT.** The time commitment required to prepare for and attend Ethics Board meetings and perform the business of the Ethics Board will vary. The Ethics Board meets approximately once each month, depending on the needs of the Board, and will meet at additional times as may be needed to address ethics complaints and other specific matters. Typically, meetings are held in the evening on weekdays at various locations. Ethics Board members will be expected to spend several additional hours per month preparing for Board meetings or engaged in other Ethics Board activities. On average, an Ethics Board member can anticipate a total time commitment of approximately 4 hours per month, outside of any travel time

**COMPENSATION.** Ethics Board members will be compensated as independent contractors in the amount of \$150 for each meeting and in the amount of \$50 for each hour that a Board meeting exceeds three hours in length. In addition, Board members will be entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Ethics Board business, in accordance with the Pokagon Band's Travel Policy.

**ELIGIBILITY.** In order to be eligible to serve on the one open position on the Board, a person must:

- (a) A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university or ten (10) years of professional level work experience in relevant areas, such as law, law enforcement, accounting or finance, business management, regulatory and governmental affairs. Advanced degrees and certifications, such as Certified Public Accountant, Juris Doctorate, and Master of Business Administration are preferred, but not required;
- (b) Demonstrated experience in conducting investigations, analyzing and preparing findings and presenting summaries;
- (c) Demonstrated experience in reviewing and interpreting laws, regulations, contracts, and various professional level reports, including financial reports;
- (d) Strong interpersonal, oral, and written communication skills; and
- (e) Demonstrated ability to act with impartiality and to deal fairly, effectively and efficiently with situations requiring fact finding and dispute resolution skills.

In addition, no person is able to serve on the Ethics Board if he or she is:

- (a) Not a Pokagon Band citizen;
- (b) Under the age of twenty-one;
- (c) A Public Official or Public Employee;
- (d) Employed, in any capacity, by the Pokagon Gaming Authority or Mno-Bmadsen, provided, however, that this shall not include independent contractors or volunteers of such entities; or
- (e) Employed or otherwise serves in a position with responsibilities that create a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest with the duties and responsibilities of the Board, as determined by the Selection Committee. This subsection does not automatically prevent a Pokagon Band citizen from being appointed.

**TERM.** The term of office for an Ethics Board member is three years.

APPOINTMENT PROCESS. Appointments to the Ethics Board are made by the Tribal Council upon the recommendation of a selection committee composed of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Tribal Council and the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Elders Council. All persons recommended by the selection committee who wish to be considered for appointment to the Ethics Board must be present at the meeting at which the Tribal Council will review the written statements of interest and resumes; provided, however, that the Tribal Council may for good cause waive this requirement. Any person recommended by the selection committee who believes that good cause exists to not attend such Tribal Council meeting should contact the Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council, who will share the information with the Tribal Council. Please note that the Tribal Council has not yet established the meeting date at which it will consider appointments to the Ethics Board.

**HOW TO APPLY.** Pokagon Band citizens who wish to be considered for appointment to the Ethics Board must submit a letter of interest along with a current résumé to Kelly Curran, Executive Secretary to the Tribal Council, by one of the following three methods:

Kelly Curran, Tribal Council Executive Secretary P O Box 180, Dowagiac MI 49047

Fax: (269) 782-9625, Attn: Kelly Curran

Or email Kelly Curran at Kelly.curran@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Ethics Board pursuant to any previous posting, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Ethics Board, you must reapply as provided in this Notice

**QUESTIONS.** Questions concerning the Ethics Board, the Ethics Code, or this Notice may be directed to Cassie Alley, the Chairperson of the Ethics Board, at (269) 462-4286 or Cassie.Alley@pokagonband-nsn.gov. Additionally, you may visit the Ethics Board section of the Pokagon Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/boards/ethics-board. Also, a copy of the Ethics Code may be obtained from the Pokagon Band's website at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/codes-and-ordinances.

**DEADLINE.** All letters of interest and résumés must be received by 4:00 pm, November 25, 2014.



DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE PRESENTS

# **Black Ash Basket Co-op Social**



**Our Trees** 

thursday

wednesday

tuesday

monday

28 closed | thanksgiving Tuna and Egg Macaroni Salad Macaroni and Cheese Lettuce and Tomato Biscuits and Gravy **BBQ Pork Chops Brussels Sprouts** Cottage Cheese Ice Cream Treat Egg Casserole Garden Salad Orange Juice Coffee Cake Garlic Bread Sausage Link Dessert Melon Roll Mashed Potatoes and Stuffing onions, potatoes, beans, corn, 27 closed | thanksgiving 2.0 thanksgiving social Boiled Dinner W/ sausage Buffalo StroganoffW/ Noodles **Cucumbers and Onions** Sliced Turkey W/ Gravy Corn on the Cob Butternut Squash ell-OW/ fruit Pumpkin Pie and cabbage Corn bread Pudding Cup Roll business Coleslaw Roll Chicken Breast in Gravy over november Buffalo Burger on a Bun Relish and Veggie Tray Relish and Veggie Tray Fish Square on a Bun Sweet Potato Fries Corn on the Cob Mashed Potatoes Jell –O W/ fruit Roll Red Potatoes Garden Salad Pork Chops Bean Soup Asparagus Dessert Dessert Dessert <u>Roll</u> closed | veterans day Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Pinwheel Sandwiches Relish and Veggie Tray Gazpacho (Soup) Baked Chicken Baked Potato Green Beans Garden Salad Sea Bass Coleslaw Dessert Dessert Dessert **Broccoli** <u>R</u> Ro || Buffalo Tacos W/ lettuce, tomato, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie Black Beans and Rice Soft or Hard Shell onion, and cheese Risotto (Rice) 1 language **BBQ** Chicken 3 language | language 74 language **Baked Potato** Garden Salad Green Beans Garden Salad Tomato Salad Baked Potato Applesauce Roll Cod Fillet Pork Loin Dessert Dessert Carrots Carrots Fruit Roll Roll

PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE if you are not a regular attendee for meals. (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 Noon. Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers. Business meetings are held at the Community Center. Business and social luncheons are potlucks. Please bring a dish to pass.

# Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

To maintain effective communications, it is critical that citizens keep their addresses—and those of their children—updated. Many addresses currently in our system are out of date or undeliverable. If you move, please let the enrollment office know as soon as possible, and have your and your dependent's address updated. If your bank account is closed, we mail a live check to you in the next Per Capita check run. If your address is undeliverable, you will not receive this check until you have updated your address.

Contact enrollment coordinator Beth Edelberg at (888)782-1001 to change your address.

### Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment Office at (269) 782–1763 or Barb Vincent in the Finance Department at (269) 462–4209.

			Christmas				
Enrollment #	Name	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	Х	х	Х	х	х	
202	Jeffrey Morseau					х	х
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	Х	х	х	х	х	х
857	Peter John Ramirez	Х	х	х	х	х	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	х	х	х	х	х	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			х	х	х	х
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		х	х	х	х	х
4442	Mason Tyler Currey					х	

Please note - you must have a deliverable address on file.

### Attention 18- to 20-Year-Olds | Per Capita Information

Attention all high school seniors who are graduating from high school or individuals who may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Attn: Enrollment Office P O Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047 OR fax to: (269) 782-1964

The document must be received by December 5 in order to make it on the January 2015 check run. Anything received after December 5 will be processed on the check run for February 2015. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

### Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, December 5, 2014	Thursday, December 18, 2014	Friday, December 19, 2014
Thursday, January 15, 2015	Thursday, January 29, 2015	Friday, January 31, 2015
Friday, February 13, 2015	Thursday, February 26, 2015	Friday, February 28, 2015
Friday, March 13, 2015	Monday, March 30 2015	Friday, March 28, 2015
Wednesday, April 15, 2015	Wednesday, April 29, 2015	Thursday, April 30, 2015
Friday, May 15, 2015	Thursday, May 28, 2015	Friday, May 30, 2015
Monday, June 15, 2015	Monday, June 29, 2015	Tuesday, June 27, 2015
Wednesday, July 15, 2015	Thursday, July 30, 2015	Friday, July 31, 2015
Friday, August 14, 2015	Thursday, August 27, 2015	Friday, August 29, 2015
Tuesday, September 15, 2015	Tuesday, September 29, 2015	Wednesday, September 30, 2015
Thursday, October 15, 2015	Thursday, October 29, 2015	Friday, October 31, 2015
Monday, November 2, 2015*	Tuesday, November 24, 2015	Wed, November 26, 2015

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that the deadline to receive changes for December 2014 is December 5. In 2015, the November deadline for changes is November 2. This is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

# Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

For those tribal citizens receiving per capita checks in the mail and who do not have direct deposit, enclosed with your check you will find a direct deposit and a tax withholding form. These will be included with your check every month until we achieve 100% direct deposits.

The tribe is currently having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe is offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. We are making efforts to give everyone a chance to set up a bank account of your choice and on your own.

As always, the tax withholding form is not mandatory although highly suggested as per capita payments are subject to federal and state taxes. The tribe only withholds federal taxes with a completed form, state taxes are the responsibility of the citizen

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. Both of the above stated forms are available online at www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as I receive it by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as I do not receive any errors from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

#### **Tribal Council November Calendar of Events**

- I Quarterly Meeting, 10 a.m.
- 3 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 4 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 8 Tribal Council, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 11 Offices closed in observation of Veterans Day
- 17 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 18 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 24 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m
- 25 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.

#### **Tribal Council December Calendar of Events**

- I Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 2 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 8 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 9 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 15 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 16 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.





#### **Native American Community Outreach Program**

Hosted by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

Friday, November 21 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Are you a Pokagon student in grades 9th through 12th who is interested in building leadership skills? Starting to consider a college major? Join members of the Native American & Hispanic Business Students for a day of workshops around developing your resume, public speaking and presentation skills, information about multicultural business programs, leadership, Pokagon Band history and hands on activities. Participants will have opportunitites to collaborate and socialize with MSU students.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided

Space is limited. Please contact Sam Morseau, director of Education, for more information and registration at (269) 782-0887 or (888) 330-1234.





### Notice of Open Position | Tribal Art Review Committee

The Pokagon Band Tribal Art Review Committee is seeking letters of interest from Pokagon band Citizens to fill two vacancies on the Pokagon band Tribal Art Review Committee. At this time there are two alternate positions vacant. The Tribal Art Review Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving artwork submitted for commissioned sale at the Four Winds New Buffalo gift shop. The committee also runs the annual Art Extravaganza. The Tribal Art Review Committee meets once a month, the location alternating between the community center in Dowagiac, and the Four Winds Casino, New Buffalo. Including meeting preparation, other Tribal Art Review Committee business, and time spent at meetings, members will spend approximately 2-4 hours per month to fulfill their responsibilities. The responsibilities of the alternate include:

- (a) Filling in at meetings when regular members cannot attend
- (b) Be able to mount an art showing
- (c) Participate in annual art/craft show

Tribal Art Review Committee members are compensated as independent contractors. In addition, Tribal Art Review Committee members are entitled to reimbursement for mileage when using personal vehicles to attend meetings and for other Tribal Art Review Committee business.

To serve as a member of the Tribal Art Review Committee, a Band member must:

- (a) Be 18 years of age
- (b) Be available to participate in art related projects as they become available

Tribal Art Review Committee members are appointed to office by the Tribal Council. There are currently two vacant alternate positions on the Tribal Art Review Committee that will be filled by Tribal Council appointment for a one year term of office.

Please note that if you have previously sought appointment to the Tribal Art review Committee pursuant to any previous posting announcing a vacancy, and you are still interested in seeking appointment to the Tribal Art Review Committee, you must reapply as provided in this notice.

Please submit letters of interest along with a current resume to:

Angie Rice, Tribal Art Review Committee Chairperson 54343 Terrace Ln.
South Bend, IN 46635

Questions concerning the Tribal Art Review Committee or this notice may be directed to:

Angie Rice (574) 273-8828 Tuffyangie@aol.com

This position shall stay open until filled.

# **Tribal Office Directory**

Administration Information Technology 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998 Toll Free (800) 517-0777 FAX (269) 782-6882

Commodities (269) 782-3372 Toll Free (888) 281-1111 FAX (269) 782-7814

Communications 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998

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Chi Ishobak 415 E Prairie Ronde Street (269) 783-4157

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Elders Program 53237 Townhall Rd. (269) 782-0765 Toll Free (800) 859-2717 FAX (269) 782-1696

Elections 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-9475 Toll Free (888) 782-9475

Enrollment 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-1763 FAX (269) 782-1964

Finance 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998 Toll Free (800) 517-0777 FAX (269) 782-1028

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Toll Free (888) 440-1234 FAX (269) 782-8797

Housing & Facilities 27043 Potawatomi Trail (269) 783-0443 FAX (269) 783-0452

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Language & Culture 58653 Sink Rd. (269) 462-4325

Mno-Bmadsen 415 E. Prairie Ronde St. (269) 783-4111

Natural Resources 32142 Edwards St. (269) 782-9602 FAX (269) 783-0452

**Social Services** 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998 Toll Free (800) 517-0777 FAX (269) 782-4295

South Bend Area Office 3733 Locust Street South Bend, IN 46614 (574) 282-2638 Toll Free (800) 737-9223 FAX (574) 282-2974 (269) 782-8998

Tribal Council 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-6323 Toll Free (888) 376-9988 FAX (269) 782-9625

Tribal Court 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 783-0505/ FAX (269) 783-0519

Tribal Police 58155 M-51 South (269) 782-2232 Toll Free (866) 399-0161 FAX (269) 782-7988

# Tribal Council Directory

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Kelly Curran

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**Elders Council Directory** 

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Stanley Morseau (269) 462-5797

Vice Chair

Maxine Margiotta (269) 783-6102

Secretary

Audrey Huston (269) 591-4519 Treasurer

Clarence White (269) 876-1118

Member at Large

Ruth Saldivar (269) 214-1279

#### **Senior Youth Council Directory**

Chairman

Collin Church

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Patty Jo Schumacher

**Cultural Activities Coordinator** 

(269) 462-4303

# **Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted**

Both Senior and Junior Youth Councils are open to any Pokagon youngster. Anyone can join, and eventually run for the executive board. Besides the age divisions, there are differences between the two groups. The Junior Youth Council provides a voice for native youth between the ages of 12 and 18. The Council promotes the development of future tribal leaders through educational attainment and Potawatomi language, culture, pride, and identity. The Junior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for native youth to interact for fun and friendship.

The Senior Youth Council provides a voice for Pokagon citizens between the ages of 18 and 24. The Senior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for Pokagon young adults to interact for fun and friendship. The Council mobilizes members toward positive goals, promotes the development of future tribal leaders and educates native youth about tribal government.

# Gwise gises November Citizen Announcements



Congratulations to **Elizabeth Morris** and **Bradley Brown** on their recent engagement!





Good luck to **Sydney and Chelsy Morseau-Olson** at Little Miss Niles Pageant 2015.

# Apply Now for 2015 Winter Semester Higher Ed Scholarship

You will receive priority service if you apply during the week of November 3 and send your completed :

- College book stipend application
- Winter 2015 unmet need form
- Winter 2015 class schedule
- Grades from the previous semester

Questions? Please call our scholarship team:

Joseph Avance (269) 461-4221

Polly Mitchell (269) 462-4294

Ray Bush (269) 462-4257

Donald Sumners (269) 462-4237

1:00am

Door Prizes | 50/50 Raffle

rhonda.purcell@pokagonband-nsn.gov.





Midnight feasting of the spirits and community

Best Soup Contests for Corn Soup, Wild Rice, and Goulash | Face Painting

For more information, please contact Rhonda Purcell at (269) 462-4255 or

Local artists will also be invited to sell some of their tribal artwork and products.



# POKÉGNEK YAJDANAWA THE POKAGONS TELL IT

Bbon gises December 2014

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# Tribal Police Officers Save Life with Quick Response, CPR

On Tuesday morning October 7, Officer Eric Shaer and Conservation Officer Kevin Modlin were at their duty stations in Dowagiac—Modlin at the police department, Shaer at the Pokagon clinic—when they heard a dispatch call about a car accident on Peavine and Wilbur Hill Roads near M-51. When they arrived, they found a car crashed into the side of a house and the car's driver unresponsive in his seat.

They immediately responded, checking for a pulse and other vital signs. A witness to the accident told the two officers that the accident occurred within the last few minutes, so the officers knew there was a chance to save him.

Officer Modlin and Cass County Sheriff's Deputy Clint Roach, who had arrived on the scene by then, pulled out the driver.

"We figured he must've had a heart attack while driving, veered through the yard and into the side of the house," said Officer Modlin.

While the Deputy began chest compressions on the victim, Officer Shaer hurried to his vehicle for his medical bag, AED machine and bag value mask, a device for rescue breathing. Shaer connected the AED and shocked the driver three times during the next six to eight minutes. By the time an ambulance arrived, they had revived the victim's pulse.

Thanks to their action, knowledge and equipment, the officers saved the man's life. Every second counts when a person's heart stops beating, says Officer Modlin.

"I had just gone through CPR instructor training, so I knew what we needed to do," said Officer Shaer. "I was surprised and excited that he had a pulse, and that we did everything right and brought him back."

For Officer Shaer, who along with James Ivy became the first two Pokagon recruits to the Tribal Police Department in 2012, this incident was the first lifesaving experience he's had in his law enforcement career.

"This situation proves the reality of the necessity of CPR and first aid training," he said. "Had the witness been certified, maybe she could have started it earlier, because the earlier you start the better the outcomes are for the victims."

Six to eight minutes of rescue breathing and CPR may seem like a long time, but according to Officer Modlin, stopping isn't an option.

"Once you start CPR, you go until a paramedic or a doctor tells you to stop."

Modlin has been a law enforcement officer since 2008, and has helped in four lifesaving situations during his career.

"It's just what we're here for," he said. "If we don't do it, most times no one else will."

Officer Shaer said that he shared this story during his trial CPR instruction class, to illustrate the need for more people to become certified.

"Especially in a rural area like Cass County," he said.

Three Tribal Police Officers—Shaer, Jason Flick, Sgt. Sumners—and Jim Topsash, the tribe's training and development coordinator, are CPR and first aid trainers. If you're interested in learning this lifesaving skill, please call Jim Topash at (269) 462-4273 or Jim. Topash@PokagonBandnsn.gov to sign up for the next class offered through the government's training and development program.

#### Rader Elected to NCAI Executive Committee



Last month at the National Congress of American Indians 71st Annual Convention, Midwest regional caucus members elected Pokagon Tribal Council member at large Roger Rader to be alternate vice president on the organization's Executive Committee.

In this role, Rader will work closely with Aaron Payment, Midwest area vice president

and chair of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe, to speak on behalf of the Midwest tribes on national issues involving Indian Country. He'll play a big part in NCAI general sessions and breakout sessions during NCAI events.

"I think it's important to have Pokagon representation in the Midwest region," said Rader. "Former Pokagon Chairman Matt Wesaw served as the Midwest VP, and it's good to have a Pokagon sitting at the big table. And it's good to have two Michigan tribes representing the Midwest."

The Midwest region includes sovereign tribes located in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan and Indiana. Rader expects to collaborate with other executive Committee members on monthly conference calls, like the one he participated in last week.

"We discussed the impact of the national elections, and began planning for the Tribal Nations Conference and the next mid-year conference in St. Paul, Minnesota in June.

"I'm excited to be part of the planning process and involve Pokagons more in the session," he said. "Since the conference will be held in Minnesota, we'll highlight the culture of the Midwest tribes."

# Wellness Center Hours and Memberships

The Wellness Center opens starting Monday December 1. Hours will be 6:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m – noon on Saturday and closed on Sunday. Please see Dean Orvis or any of the Wellness staff or call (269) 782-4141 to register for your membership or for more information.



### What are the benefits of flu vaccination?



While how well the flu vaccine works can vary(www. cdc.gov/flu/about/qa/vaccineeffect.htm), there are a lot of reasons to get a flu vaccine each year.

- Flu vaccination can keep you from getting sick from flu. Protecting yourself from flu also protects the people around you who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness.
- Flu vaccination can help protect people who are at greater risk of getting seriously ill from flu, like older adults, people with chronic health conditions and young children (especially infants younger than 6 months old who are too young to get vaccinated).
- Flu vaccination also may make your illness milder if you do get sick.

- Flu vaccination can reduce the risk of more serious flu outcomes, like hospitalizations and deaths
- o A recent study\* showed that flu vaccine reduced children's risk of flu-related pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) admission by 74% during flu seasons from 2010-2012.
- o One study showed that flu vaccination was associated with a 71% reduction in flu-related hospitalizations among adults of all ages and a 77% reduction among adults 50 years of age and older during the 2011-2012 flu season.
- o Flu vaccination is an important preventive tool for people with chronic health conditions. Vaccination was associated with lower rates of some cardiac events among people with heart disease, especially among those who had had a cardiac event in the past year. Flu vaccination also has been shown to be associated with reduced hospitalizations among people with diabetes (79%) and chronic lung disease (52%).
- o Vaccination helps protect women during pregnancy and their babies for up to 6 months after they are born. One study showed that giving flu vaccine to pregnant women was 92% effective in preventing hospitalization of infants for flu.
- o Other studies have shown that vaccination can reduce the risk of flu-related hospitalizations in older adults. A study that looked at flu vaccine effectiveness over the course of three flu seasons estimated that flu vaccination lowered the risk of hospitalizations by 61% in people 50 years of age and older. References for the studies listed above can be found at Publications on Influenza Vaccine Benefits \* (www.cdc.gov/flu/about/qa/benefit-publications.htm).

# Mark Your Calendars for PHS's 2015 Wellness Events

Each month the staff at Pokagon Health Services will raise awareness of important health issues with events and promotions connected to broader national health

**January** is National Blood Donor Month. The blood mobile will be at the Health Center **January 14**.

**February** is American Heart Month. **February 6** is National Wear Red Day to raise awareness of heart attack and stroke warning signs.

March is National Nutrition Month. March 6 is Wear Blue Day.

**April** is Stress Awareness Month. Join us **April 18** for the Pokagon Baby Celebration.

education campaigns. Below is the schedule for the first six months of 2015; stay tuned for more details, and the rest of the year's schedule.

**May** is National Physical Fitness and Sports Month. **May 30** will be the All Tribes Lacrosse Tournament.

**June** is Men's Health Month so we'll be marking that with different events during National Men's Health Week **June 9 – 15**.

# College Prep Workshop | January 17

This workshop is to educate parents whose 11th and 12th grade students are planning to attend college during the 2015 academic year. This workshop will focus on the importance of meeting deadlines for testing, FAFSA and college applications. In addition, parents can discuss the costs and differences between attending community colleges, state colleges and state universities. This Higher Education workshop will be held January 17 at the Department of Education Conference Room. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Polly Mitchell at (269) 462–4294.

## Winter Scholarship Deadline | December 19

Pokagon Band college students beat the rush by getting your winter/spring Higher Education Application to the Department of Education before the December 19, 2014 deadline. First time applicants need to complete the entire application including class schedule, book stipend and unmet needs form. Returning students need to submit book stipend, grades and unmet needs form. We have a great team waiting to serve your scholarship needs. For more information contact Joseph Avance at joseph.avance@pokagonband-nsn.gov or Polly Mitchell at polly.mitchell@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

# Pokégnek Yajdanawa

Pokégnek Yajdanawa is the monthly voice of Pokégnek Bodéwadmik, the Pokagon Band of the Potawatomi. Citizens are encouraged to submit original letters, stories, pictures, poetry and announcements for publication in Pokegnek Yajdanawa. Submissions are subject to the established guidelines.

The deadline for citizen submissions for the newsletter is always the fourteenth of each month. Please send items for publication to:

> Pokégnek Yajdanawa Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047

Pokagon.Newsletter@PokagonBand-nsn.gov



# Your love shelters our children.

# Pokagon Band families foster.

Neshnabe teachings say that caring for the children is everyone's responsibility. Traditionally, extended family and clan family members would take responsibility for their children if parents couldn't.

Today many Pokagon children need your help. Becoming a tribal foster parent isn't difficult. Besides getting a background check and a license, all you need is patience, caring and commitment. Licensing classes are free; many counties reimburse for child care while you take classes.

"I would suggest anybody give it a try, the process is nothing like what you might imagine," says one foster parent. "The need was greater than what you'd expect."

For this parent, one of the best parts of fostering has been seeing how happy the children are. "It opens your eyes and helps you become more involved in your own culture, and how important it is for the whole community to be a family."

To learn more about fostering Pokagon children, please contact the Department of Social Services at (269) 462-4216.

#### **Councils Collaborate**

Council members gathered in the Community Center on a chilly October Saturday for collaboration and discussion of the future. Members from the Veterans, Elders, Youth, and Tribal Councils sat in a circle, each having time to speak.

Gayle "Rusty" Green, secretary of the Ogitchedaw Veterans Board, spoke about the need for more women in leadership, encouraged by the number of women in attendance.

Shandiin Church appreciated having face time with the elders, acknowledging that as something that is being lost with the many new forms of communication emerging.

"That communication style has changed," Church said, recognizing that the youth and elder generations communicate in different ways.

Now, Church feels like she can really talk with the elders, having spoken with them at the forum.

"I think it's good that we coordinate with one another," said Jerry Campbell, treasurer of the Veterans Board. He pointed out that the Band is one small family, so everyone needs to work together.











## Native Justice Community Advisory Group Holds First of Many Native Justice Events

On October 18, 2014, a presentation on traditional native justice practices was given at the Pokagon Band Community Center under the sponsorship of the Native Justice Community Advisory Group. This was the first community-wide event sponsored by the Advisory Group, which over the course of several years has been working under a grant from the Department of Justice to bring traditional justice practices to the Pokagon Band. The event, which was attended by Tribal citizens and members of the extended Tribal community, was held with the intent of reintroducing Tribal citizens to traditional justice practices, with the ultimate goal of bringing Tribal citizens into its effort to restore traditional justice practices within the Pokagon Band.

The Advisory Group selected two nationally-known peacemaking facilitators, Paul Raphael and JoAnne Cook, to make the presentation. Raphael and Cook, members of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa Indians, were chosen based on their years of experience in peacemaking facilitation, having been successful in bringing back native justice practices to a number of tribes in the United States, including their own.

The facilitators' experience became evident as they described the obstacles they ran into when they were initially establishing peacemaking at their own tribe and the ways they were able to overcome the obstacles, which included lack of community involvement, mistrust among community members, and reluctance on the part of parties in dispute to be involved in the peacemaking process. Raphael also explained the journey one must take in transforming oneself into a circle keeper, which created interest among some of the participants to perhaps make that journey themselves. As described by Raphael, the role of a circle keeper is not always easy, but it can be extremely rewarding.

During the event, a demonstration of a circle session was held wherein several tribal citizens role-played the various participants of a circle session, which is comprised of the offending and injured parties to a dispute, their supporters, such as friends and family members, and two circle keepers. The demonstration was based upon a dispute drawn from the facilitators' experience and gave both the audience and the role players a glimpse of the obstacles that will be encountered in any native justice process, with the mock circle keepers running into an obstacle right away when trying to secure the participation of the mistrusting, angry, injured party.

Although only playing the role of an injured party, the role players did a pretty good job of slipping into the shoes of an injured party, showing mistrust, hurt and anger, and under the coaching of the facilitators, asked hard questions before finally giving their consent to participate.

As the circle session continued under the ground rules of the circle keepers, the injured party and his supporters told their side of the story, letting the offender know how his offense had affected not only the injured party's life but the lives of his extended family. The offending party and his supporters were given a chance to respond. The circle went around a couple of times until eventually the parties

were able to reach a resolution. The offender acknowledged his responsibility and offered restitution and his hope that he could mend his relationship with the offended party and his family. The offended party said they did not know whether the relationship could be mended, but they felt the offender's acknowledgement of responsibility was genuine.

Had the resolution been handled in a court of law, wherein the parties would not be able to air their differences, anger, hurt, and mistrust between the parties and their families would continue unabated, which sometimes has a way of reaching into a community. The Advisory Group came away learning that they have much to learn and newcomers came away "enlightened."

"People who came with no knowledge . . . were really enlightened and excited for the positive effects this could have on the community," said Jason S. Wesaw, a member of the Advisory Group.

"Peacemaking is just as sacred as the smudging, basket-making . . . All of the things that we get excited about are the outward things, but it's the way we treat each other that's also part of that tradition," said tribal citizen Cindy Tibbs.

Tribal citizen Greg Ballew sees the Native Justice Community Conflict and Dispute Resolution forum as an opportunity to mend old conflicts and avoid future bitterness.

"If the people involved can come together and come to an agreement, it avoids a lot of animosity," Ballew said.

The demonstration circle session also provided participants with an idea of the value of the peacemaking effort.

"I can definitely see the bigger purpose in doing this," Tibbs said. "We're all we've got. We're all family."

The passionate, positive reactions from attendants affirmed the need for bringing Native Justice back to the community, and the forum was another step in doing just that.

The Native Justice Community Advisory Group will be holding their next community presentation event on January 16 and 17 at Elder's Hall. This is just the beginning of a series of presentations that will be held within our community to help revitalize the Native Justice Initiative for our people.

"This process is ongoing. It continues to be open to anyone in the community. There's still time for people interested to help make this happen," Wesaw said.

"This train hasn't left the station," said Kevin Daugherty, member of the Advisory Group.

If you are interested in learning more about peacemaking, contact Stacey Gettig, Native Justice Initiative Support Staff at (269) 783-0505 or by email at Stacey. Gettig@PokagonBand-nsn.gov.



Information can also be found at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/tribal-court/native-justice







### Team Michigan Brings Together Native Youth

The Language and Culture Department spearheaded this year's annual Team Michigan collaboration, in which youth from tribes all over Michigan come together for team building and a fun weekend.

This event is part of the Pokagon Band's membership with UNITY, the United National Indian Tribal Youth, a national organization that requires members to do something for their state.

The weekend was set in the beautiful outdoors of Camp Rosenthal in Dowagiac. The diverse nature and water sources nearby made the camp a special place for the 50 youth who attended. These youth from four different tribes participated in activities like fishing, archery, and rock climbing.

The group also set goals for the upcoming year, such as hosting a 5 to 12K run, between Detroit and Lansing, the trail guided by historically significant markers in the state.

"We need to collaborate with the different tribes of Michigan," said Dean Orvis, the youth cultural coordinator.

Building connections between youth of different tribes will lead to collaboration between those tribes in the future.

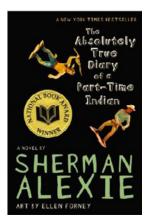
The tribe provided scholarships to more than 20 youth based on their essays about why they wanted to attend and what they would do with their experiences.

Jefferson Ballew started the sacred fire that was kept going the entire weekend. Cultural Activities Coordinator Patty Schumacher oversaw Junior Youth Council Chair Andy Murray as she gave a water teaching.

"We have a great group of anishabe," Schumacher said.

Team Michigan rotates between the Michigan tribes each year, so look out for information about next year's collaboration.

## One Story | Ngot Yajmowen Chooses Sherman Alexie Book for 2015 Selection



One Story (Ngot Yajmowen) is a grassroots, community-based program designed to build awareness of contemporary issues. One Story partners currently include the Pokagon Band, Dowagiac Area History Museum, Dowagiac District Library, Dowagiac Dogwood Fine Arts Festival Committee, Dowagiac Union Schools, and Southwestern Michigan College, some of whom are pictured at right.

The One Story 2015 book selection is the National Book Award winner, The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie. Alexie is a Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Indian who grew up in Wellpinit, Washington on the Spokane Indian Reservation. The novel is based on Alexie's own experiences and utilizes words and pictures to tell the story of a young Indian boy who leaves his school on the reservation to attend an all-white

The One Story 2015 events will be based on various themes explored in Alexie's semiautobiographical book. The schedule of events will be finalized and announced this month.





# DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE **Snow Snake Workshop**

January 4, 2015 1:00 pm-5pmLanguage & Culture offices 58653 Sink Road Dowagiac, MI 49047

Join Kevin Finney for a hands on workshop making snow snakes. The class is open. Please bring your family for a day of learning and community.



# Free Legal Aid

# For Pokagon Band Citizens Starting November 4, 2014

Do you need advice or assistance with a legal issue? The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians arranged for Michigan Indian Legal Services (MILS) to provide legal services to Pokagon Band citizens (and in some instances, spouses of Pokagon Band citizens) regarding certain types of legal issues, such as

- Criminal Matters in Pokagon Band Tribal Court (if you are indigent).
- Power of Attorney (Medical and/or Financial)
- Simple Wills
- Guardianship and Conservatorships
- Real Estate
- Landlord Tenant Matters
- General legal advice regarding Michigan
- General legal advice on Pokagon Band

Except for criminal matters in Pokagon Band Tribal Court, there are no asset or income restrictions applicable to Pokagon Band citizens receiving free legal services from MILS. Not all legal services provided include representation in court, in some instances the available legal services are limited to document review, document preparation, and/or providing legal advice. The attorney from MILS is licensed to practice law in the State of Michigan only and therefore, the advice and legal services provided will be limited to Michigan law and Pokagon Band law

An attorney from MILS will be at the Pokagon Band Community Center, located at 27043 Potawatomi Trail in Dowagiac, Michigan, two days per week to provide legal services. The schedule may vary, so please call MILS to determine availability.

WHEN MEETING WITH THE ATTORNEY, PLEASE MAKE SURE TO BRING ALL THE PAPERWORK RELATED TO YOUR LEGAL ISSUE.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call MILS at 1 (800) 968-6877.

## **Elders Learn About Prehistoric Culture during Ohio Trip**

#### By Maxine Margiotta, Elders Council Vice Chair

In October the elders traveled to Newark, Ohio to visit the largest geometric earthworks complex in the world. Built 17 centuries ago by American Indians, the earthworks marked the people's beliefs, rituals and community. The Octagon and the Great Circle are the most impressive mounds remaining today. The Newark Earthworks are operated by the Ohio Historical Society, a nonprofit organization that serves as the state's partner in preserving and interpreting Ohio's history, archaeology and natural history.

Built on this ground around the Octagon Earthworks is the Mound Builders Country Club. Dr. Richard Shields, director of the Newark Earthworks Center, is dedicated to getting this to be a World Heritage Site to ensure preservation. He would not only want our help in supporting this, but the help of all Indian Country.

Elders attended an art reception in honor of Pokagon artist Candi Wesaw, who is showing her artwork displaying the Potawatomi culture of our tribe at the LeFevre Hall Art Gallery at Ohio State University, Newark. She was happy for the elders to come and attend. Great job, Candi.

We also visited Flint Ridge. Seventeen centuries ago the American Indians used quarry pits, which contained many different types of stone. Tools such as knives, spear points, and arrowheads were formed from this material. Flint was their survival tool. Each elder received a piece of the flint to take home after the visit.



This was an enjoyable trip. Our thank you to the people who welcomed the elders: John Low, assistant professor at OSU Newark and Pokagon citizen, Richard Shields, associate professor emeritus and director of the Earthworks Center, Marti Chaatsmith and Cheryl Cash.



### Sunday, December 14 11:00 am

### Tuesday, December 16 10:00 am

The Department of Social Services is hosting two feather quillwork workshops with **Joy Duff** for women in the community. These events are for women only and spaces are limited.

For the December 14 workshop only, children ages 4–12 are welcome to attend Holiday Fun event, sponsored by the Education Department. Space for this event is also limited, so children must be pre-registered by December 5. You are responsible for registering for the Holiday Fun event by calling Education at (269) 782-0887.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Casey Kasper at (269) 462-4324 or casey.kasper@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



# Pokagon Supplemental Heating Program Accepting Applications December 1

The Social Services Department will begin accepting applications December 1 for the seventh year of its Supplemental Heating Program. This program will provide a credit of \$250 per eligible household to help with high energy costs. The Supplemental Heating Program provides assistance to income-eligible Pokagon Band households anywhere in the United States. The Supplemental Heating Program is not limited to the ten-county service area.

The Supplemental Heating Program is separate from the LIHEAP program. The Supplemental Program has higher income guidelines and can be provided to more households. Current LIHEAP recipients automatically qualify for the Supplemental Program, but are required to still submit documentation.

To apply call the department at (269) 782-8998 or (800) 517-0777, or visit in person at 58620 Sink Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047. An application may also be obtained by visiting the Pokagon website www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/social-services/programs/supplemental-heating-program. The fax number is (269) 782-4295.

Items you will need to fill out the application:

- Proof of all household income:
  - proof of income for last 30 days and/or
  - award letters (from SSI, RSDI, Elder's Stipend, etc...) and/or
  - child support received or paid or
  - completed Zero Income Form (obtain from our office) if above do not apply
- Bill from your energy provider
- Tribal ID card

Income Guidelines

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$36,000
2	43,000
3	50,000
4	57,000
5	64,000
6 and above	71,000



Visit www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/government/departments/social-services/programs/supplemental-heating-program

## Be Aware of Pokagon Band Education Department Changes

#### **Early Childhood Education**

The Early Childhood Education focus area is primary and birth – 4th Grade. Children and parents are offered services to help promote early literacy, positive parenting, school readiness, and quality education. Many exciting events are scheduled for children and families!

The purpose of the Early Childhood Education is to develop positive educational experiences to Pokagon Families with children 0–8 years old. In addition to collaborating on several different projects, the Early Childhood Education Program will be offering the following workshops. Contact Autumn Cabrillas for more information

- The first workshop will be an Introduction to Program Services.
- The second workshop will focus on Honoring Our Children.
- The third workshop will focus on Positive Parenting Techniques.
- The fourth workshop will be in collaboration with Holiday Fun.

#### **Academic Excellence Initiative**

The goal of the Educational Excellence Initiative (EEI) is to encourage Pokagon Band students in grades Kindergarten to 12th grade to strive for educational excellence, to attend school regularly and to improve their academic performance. This "Invest in You" program allows citizens to increase funding for educational programs they frequently use, thereby increasing their knowledge, skills and ability to flourish in post-secondary educational institutions. These supplemental funds will be added to other educational program such as Enrichment Program, Special Requests, and Tutoring. In addition, funds may be used for the Youth Transportation IDA offered through Chi Ishobak. Contact Sam Morseau for more information

#### **Tutoring Services**

The Tutoring Program is designed to provide additional educational support to Pokagon students with academic needs.

New Tutoring Program guidelines have been in effect since August 1, 2014. All Pokagon students are now eligible for tutoring, without grade restrictions or teacher recommendations necessary We now offer all families a choice of using an Accredited Learning Center, a facility which employs certified teachers or certified tutors to work with students on core academic areas, study skills, or test preparation, or an auxiliary tutor, a certified teacher or individual with Bachelor's degree with an academic area of focus. Although tutoring funds remain the same, \$2,500 per student per year, the time frame has changed to August 1– July 31 to align with the academic year.

For more information, contact Kristie Bussler, Educational Resource Specialist, at (269) 462-4222.

#### Title VII

The Title VII is a federal grant that helps local educational agencies, Indian tribes and organizations, postsecondary institutions, and other entities toward the goal of ensuring that programs that serve Indian children are of the highest quality and provide for not only the basic elementary and secondary educational needs, but also the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of these children.

Starting 2015, The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Department of Education is teaming up with Match-e-be-nash-she-wish (Gun Lake) Band of Pottawatomi and Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi as a consortium to identify and service all the Native American students in the three tribes' service areas.

#### **Enrichment Program Expansion of Services**

Due to overwhelming success, the Department of Education will be expanding our Enrichment Program from 5th–12th grade to Kindergarten to 12th grade.

The goal of the Enrichment program is to provide the opportunity for Pokagon youth anywhere in the United States to participate in an Enrichment program, such as band camps, art camps, science camps, sports camps, career camps, Workshop, Pre-College classes, summer school, conferences, Life Skills programs, such as Drivers Training, music lessons, musical instruments, etc. Contact Connie Baber for more information.

#### Citizen Portal Implementation

Starting in mid-February, we will be going live with our Pokagon portal. Students will have the opportunity to apply and update scholarship applications on-line. Students will be able to electronically send the yearly application, book stipend, unmet needs, class schedule, and grades. This will make the scholarship process more manageable and make the confirmation and scholarship processing much faster. Look for the citizen portal and complete your 2015 application scholarship online. Contact Joseph Avance for more information.

#### **College Preparatory Workshops**

The Continuing Education Program will be offering the following workshops.

College Prep Workshop 1: The purpose of this event is to educate parents to the importance of meeting deadlines for testing and college applications.

College Prep Workshop 2: The purpose of this event is to help students and parents understand the costs and differences between choosing to attend community colleges, state colleges and state universities.

College Prep Workshop 3: The purpose of this event is to address three main criteria: One is to introduce new students and parents to college campus life and the admission process, the second type of visit is for academic advising of students who are currently attending school, and the third type of visit is to build relationships with organizations on college campus to insure student success.

College Prep Workshop 4: The purpose of this event is to assist higher education students who plan to attend college. The program gives a second chance for students to complete their Higher Education Scholarship.

#### Vocational-Technical Scholarship Increase

The Department of Education is proud to announce that we will be increasing our Vocational-Technical Scholarship from \$2000/year to \$4000/ year.

The goal of the Vocational-Technical Scholarship is to provide guidance and support to tribal Citizens obtaining Vocational-Technical Training and assistance with FAFSA application is provided if requested. Contact Joseph Avance for more information.

#### **Technology Stipend Modification**

The Department of Education has redesigned the Technology Assistance Stipend to better fit citizen needs. The Technology Assistance Program is now only offered to Pokagon Band citizens in our Dual Enrollment Program. Contact Polly Mitchell for more information.

#### **Elders Services Workshops**

The purpose of the Elder Services Program is to develop positive educational experiences to Pokagon Elders 55+ years of age. In addition to collaborating on several different projects, the Elders Services Program will be offering the following workshops:

- The first workshop will focus on Online Library and e-books.
- The second workshop will focus on Tribal Perspectives Curriculum.
- The third workshop will focus on Personal Development with Technology.
- The fourth workshop will focus on Introduction to Social Media.

# Start Off the New Year Kicking Butts



Pokagon Health Services is offering the American Lung Association's Freedom from Smoking course

to PHS patients and their spouses. Please contact the Pokagon Pharmacy at (269) 782-4570 to enroll or with questions.

Start Date	Time	Quit Date	Finish Date	Location
Tuesday, January 6 (limit 5 people)	Noon – 1:00 p.m	January 27	February 17	Administration
Wednesday, January 7	6:00 p.m.	January 28	February 18	To be determined
Saturday, January 10	10:00 a.m.	January 31	February 21	To be determined

If the Pokagon Band offices are closed on a particular date, the make-up date will be the following week. For example, if the offices are closed Tuesday, January 6, that class will be rescheduled for Tuesday, January 13.

## 2015 Financial Wellness Workshops Scheduled

Chi Ishobak's has confirmed the 2015 Financial Wellness Workshop schedule conducted at the Community Center in Dowagiac. The dates are: February 7, May 2, August 1, and November 7. All workshops will be from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. There is no registration fee, but advance registration is required for administrative planning. Lunch will be provided for all attendees.

If you are unable to attend, Chi Ishobak will conduct additional workshops at regular dates and times throughout the season. Chi Ishobak also provides individual financial coaching for tribal citizens that might not be able to make scheduled workshops or do not feel comfortable in the workshop environment.

Chi Ishobak is always looking to provide new and improved resources to Tribal citizens and financial education is no different. Chi Ishobak has updated its Financial Wellness curriculum to provide increased benefit to Tribal citizens. "We currently cover the fundamentals of personal financial management, but wanted to add capacity and wealth building components to our information." Sean Winters said, "The more pertinent information our citizens possess makes for a very strong community."

Chi Ishobak understands the traditional Pokagon values of proper planning and resource management. We also understand the emotion felt when facing financial adversity. In order to be in control of our personal finances we need to learn to properly plan and allocate those finances so that we don't waste our most precious resource, our income. Identifying our financial behaviors is a critical step in this process. Chi Ishobak is committed to providing information, resources, and the necessary support to tribal citizens to help break the cycle of financial adversity. This includes cultural relevance, savings, cash flow planning, debt management, the value of credit, and the emotional side of money.

To register for any of the above workshops or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Chi Ishobak at your convenience.

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### 2015 FINANCIAL WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

Chi Ishobak is introducing an updated financial education program for Pokagon Band citizens, families, and employees. More than just information, this program is designed to identify financial behaviors and the cultural relevance associated with those behaviors. This workshop will cover six components that address the basic aspects of personal financial management and provide participants with the tools and processes to take control of their financial health. These areas include: savings, communication, budgeting, debt, and credit building.

Saturday, February 7 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Saturday, May 2 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Saturday, August 1 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Saturday, November 7

#### **Community Center** 27043 Potawatomi Trail, Dowagiac, MI 49047

- Lunch will be provided
- There is no registration fee
- Please call to confirm attendance

For more information, please contact Sean Winters at (269) 783-4157 or at sean.winters@chiishobak.org

## Members needed for Traditions/Repatriation Committee Language & Culture Offers Make & Take Program

The Traditions/Repatriation Committee is seeking both a regular member and an alternate member. The Committee's purpose is to provide advice and recommendations on cultural issues for the Tribe and to handle repatriation issues on behalf of the Tribe. At its regular business meeting on the fourth Monday in December 2014, the Committee intends to select two individuals to recommend to Tribal Council for appointment to these vacant positions. If you are interested in being on the Committee, or if you have questions about the positions and the Committee, please contact Committee Chair Kevin Daugherty at (269) 591-1230 by December 22, 2014. Migwech.

Language & Culture is offering Pokagon citizens and staff the opportunity to learn a craft Monday through Friday from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. and weekends by appointment.

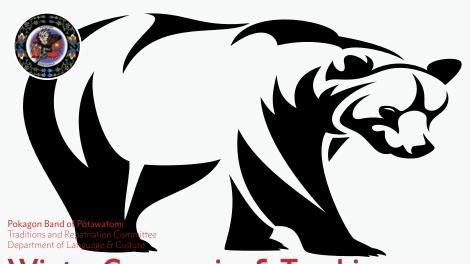
To make your appointment or for more information call Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325.

### **Pokagon Elders Reminded About Trip Policies**

Conferences for Michigan Indian Elders Association (M.I.E.A) are held three times a year in April, July, and October. Following the M.I.E.A. Policy, elders 55 years and older are eligible to participate in M.I.E.A trips offered by the Band. The spouse of an elder may accompany only the elder on such trip, regardless of whether the spouse is a citizen or an elder. The tribal elder must have attended four Elders Council business meetings in the prior 12 month period from the first date of registration for a M.I.E.A trip. You must register in person, except an elder may register his or her spouse. A trip deposit of \$25 is required within five days of notification. Space is limited for all M.I.E.A trips. All trip deposits will be returned to the trip participants at the end of the M.I.E.A conference. The signup sheet will be at the monthly business meeting a month ahead the scheduled month of the conference. Elders are required to attend the entire M.I.E.A conference meeting, dinner and M.I.E.A auction

Following the Trip Policy, Pokagon elders 55 years and older are eligible to participate in elders trips. The spouse of an elder may accompany the elder, regardless of whether the spouse is a citizen or elder. Upcoming trip details will be announced in the Pokagon Band newsletter. Elders will receive a trip registration form in the mail. Elders must be self-sufficient or accompanied by a spouse who is able to provide all necessary assistance. Elders are required to make a deposit to ensure your spot. Those picked in the random drawing will be put on the participant list or alternate list.

Any questions call Audrey Huston, Elders Council secretary at (269) 782-7913 between 9:00–11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. or Maxine Margiotta, Elders Council vice chair at (269) 783-6102. Elders are welcome to pick up these policies to review at the Elders Hall.



# Winter Ceremonies & Teachings

#### Saturday, December 20

Rodgers Lake 58620 Sink Road | Dowagiac, MI

# Sunrise Ceremony | 7:30 am

Longhouse in the campgrounds Conducted by Bob Moody, Jr.

#### Sunset Ceremony | 5:30 pm

Longhouse in the campgrounds Conducted by John Warren

Please dress warmly and, for evening ceremonies, bring a dish to pass. For information on the ceremonies, please contact Kevin Daugherty at (269) 591-1230.

Please note, ceremonies are restricted to Natives and spouses. There may come a day when ceremonies are open to all, but there is much healing that must take place first within the community. We ask that everyone respect this decision.

#### **Cultural Teachings | Saturday December 20**

Language & Culture is offering teachings to the community between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm. For more information about these teachings, please contact Patty Jo Schumacher at (269) 462-5376 or patricia.schumacher@pokagonband-nsn.gov.

#### Mens Sweat and Womens Sweat | Thursday, December 18

For more information about the mens sweat, please contact Kevin Daugherty at (269) 591-1230. For more information about the womens sweat, please contact Andy Jackson at (269) 783-9340.





DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGE & CULTURE PRESENTS

# Black Ash Basket Co-op Social



# Cultural Items Available from Language & Culture

If you need any cultural gifts or supplies for purchase, stop by the Language & Culture department Monday through Friday from 8:00 am–5:00 pm.

## **December Elders Business Meeting Presentation**

On December 4, 2014 the Department of Education will provide a presentation on the Kindle Fire HD at the Elders Business Meeting. The Elders Reading Program will incorporate the use of Kindle Fire HDs. In order to ensure success of this transition, a demo of this technology will be presented.

Save

**Our Trees** 

The Pokagon Band Department of Education will be hosting the Michigan Tribal Education Directors Association (MTED) Conference April 14–16, 2015 at Four Winds New Buffalo. The first meeting will be April 15, 2015 from 4:00–5:15 pm during this conference at the Silver Creek Event Center, 1111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo, MI.

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28	L&C Elders Language Class (11)  Auricular Acupuncture  Zumba  Yoga  L&C Gun Lake Adult Language Class is cancelled for the holiday week	Lean Lunch Red Road to Recovery Group L&C Dowagiac Language Class (9) L&C Early Start Language Class (11)	Pokagon Band off for New Year's Ev

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sket Co-op Social nguage Class (8) ens & Boys Ith Language Class	Lean Lunch L&C South Bend Language Class (7)	Red Road to Recovery Group	Tribal Council Meeting Pokagon Bodewadmik Ogitchedaw Veterans meeting L&C Native Youth Parent/Guardian Group L&C Christmas Party L&C Pokagon Round Dance & Social
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# Elders Lunch Menu | Bbon gises December

friday	72	Sliced Ham with Pineapple Mashed Sweet Potatoes Peas Garden Salad Blueberry Pie	12	Tortilla Crusted Tilapia Baked Potato Brussels Sprouts Garden Salad Brownie	9 closed   staff christmas	Photo by Paula Bailey	26	Salmon Patty Mac and Cheese Asparagus Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad Roll Dessert		nber
thursday	4 business	Potato Soup Assorted Deli Sandwiches Relish and Veggie Tray Fruit Cake	=	Turkey Stuffed Peppers Mashed Potatoes Garden Salad Fruit Roll	8 –	Buffalo Burger on a Bun Baked Beans Coleslaw Relish and Veggie Tray Jell-O W/ Fruit	2.5 closed   christmas day			Jecemb
wednesday	٣	Buffalo Meatballs in Spaghetti Asparagus Garden Salad Garlic Bread Cookie	01	Chicken, Broccoli, Rice, and Cheese Casserole Veggie Tray Melon Rye Bread	7 christmas social	Prime Rib Baked Potato Stuffing Corn Ambrosia Salad & Dessert Snacks and shrimp	24 closed   christmas eve		3 closed   new year's eve	
tuesday	2	Sea Bass Spanish Rice Green Beans Jell-O W/ Fruit Roll	6	Pork Loin in Noodles and Gravy Carrots Garden Salad Dutch Apple Pie Roll	91	Pizza Day	23	Buffalo Chili Broccoli Slaw Cornbread Veggie Tray Dessert	30	Baked Chicken Baked Potato Carrots Fruit Salad Roll Dessert
monday	language	Sausage W/ Red Potatoes, Onions, and Cabbage Garden Salad Cornbread Dessert	3 language	Buffalo Sloppy Joe Baked Potato Fries Garden Salad Relish Tray Dessert	5 language	Beef Roast Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Corn on the Cob Spinach Salad Cake	22 language	Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Green Beans Tomato Salad Applesauce Roll	29 language	Buffalo Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Corn on the Cob Garden Salad Roll Dessert

PLEASE CALL THE DAY BEFORE if you are not a regular attendee for meals. (269) 782-0765 or (800) 859-2717. Meals subject to change. Meal service begins at 12:00 Noon. Note: milk, tea, coffee, water, and Crystal Light beverages served with every meal. Also, lettuce, tomato, and onion served with sandwiches and burgers.

Business meetings are held at the Community Center. Business and social luncheons are potlucks. Please bring a dish to pass.

# Updated Contact Information Needed for Efficient Communications

To maintain effective communications, it is critical that citizens keep their addresses—and those of their children—updated. Many addresses currently in our system are out of date or undeliverable. If you move, please let the enrollment office know as soon as possible, and have your and your dependent's address updated. If your bank account is closed, we mail a live check to you in the next Per Capita check run. If your address is undeliverable, you will not receive this check until you have updated your address.

Contact enrollment coordinator Beth Edelberg at (888)782-1001 to change your address.

# Per Capita News

The Enrollment Office needs the following individuals to update their addresses so that these payments can be mailed. If there is an X in the column(s) by your name, you have either a Christmas check and /or per capita payments due to you. Please contact Beth Edelberg in the Enrollment Office at (269) 782–1763 or Barb Vincent in the Finance Department at (269) 462–4209.

			Christmas				
Enrollment #	Name	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	Monthly Per Cap
83	John Dylan Watson	Х	х	Х	х	х	
202	Jeffrey Morseau					х	х
406	Michael Lynn Hewitt	Х	х	х	х	х	х
857	Peter John Ramirez	Х	х	х	х	х	
1446	Bobby Marcus Haynes	х	х	х	х	х	
1986	Cristian M Cobb			х	х	х	х
4227	Scott Brewer Jr		х	х	х	х	х
4442	Mason Tyler Currey					х	

Please note - you must have a deliverable address on file.

#### Attention 18- to 20-Year-Olds | Per Capita Information

Attention all high school seniors who are graduating from high school or individuals who may be completing their G.E.D. If you are at least 18 years old and have achieved either of these you are now eligible to receive your monthly per capita checks. All you have to do is send a copy to the Enrollment office. You may either mail or fax this. The address to mail to is:

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Attn: Enrollment Office P O Box 180 Dowagiac, MI 49047 OR fax to: (269) 782-1964

The document must be received by January 15 in order to make it on the February 2015 check run. Anything received after January 15 will be processed on the check run for March 2015. If you have any questions please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777.

### Per Capita Important Dates

Deadline to receive Changes/updates/additions Received by Finance Department	Checks mailed out on	Check date Direct deposits in accounts
Friday, December 5, 2014	Thursday, December 18, 2014	Friday, December 19, 2014
Thursday, January 15, 2015	Thursday, January 29, 2015	Friday, January 31, 2015
Friday, February 13, 2015	Thursday, February 26, 2015	Friday, February 28, 2015
Friday, March 13, 2015	Monday, March 30 2015	Friday, March 28, 2015
Wednesday, April 15, 2015	Wednesday, April 29, 2015	Thursday, April 30, 2015
Friday, May 15, 2015	Thursday, May 28, 2015	Friday, May 30, 2015
Monday, June 15, 2015	Monday, June 29, 2015	Tuesday, June 27, 2015
Wednesday, July 15, 2015	Thursday, July 30, 2015	Friday, July 31, 2015
Friday, August 14, 2015	Thursday, August 27, 2015	Friday, August 29, 2015
Tuesday, September 15, 2015	Tuesday, September 29, 2015	Wednesday, September 30, 2015
Thursday, October 15, 2015	Thursday, October 29, 2015	Friday, October 31, 2015
Monday, November 2, 2015*	Tuesday, November 24, 2015	Wed, November 26, 2015

<sup>\*</sup> Please note that the deadline to receive changes for December 2014 is December 5. In 2015, the November deadline for changes is November 2. This is due to time limitations on all the events that occur at this time of the year.

# Per Capita Direct Deposit & Tax Withholding Forms

For those tribal citizens receiving per capita checks in the mail and who do not have direct deposit, enclosed with your check you will find a direct deposit and a tax withholding form. These will be included with your check every month until we achieve 100% direct deposits.

The tribe is currently having mandatory direct deposit for per capita checks. In the case of individuals not being able to set up a bank account, the tribe is offering a cash card on which the per capita checks will be loaded onto every month. We are making efforts to give everyone a chance to set up a bank account of your choice and on your own.

As always, the tax withholding form is not mandatory although highly suggested as per capita payments are subject to federal and state taxes. The tribe only withholds federal taxes with a completed form, state taxes are the responsibility of the citizen

If you have any questions, please call the direct per capita phone line at (269) 462-4209 or (269) 462-4200 or toll free (800) 517-0777. The per capita phone line and my extension both have lengthy messages listing various per capita information. Please leave a message and I will return your call as soon as possible. Both of the above stated forms are available online at www.Pokagonband-nsn.gov

Once you turn in a direct deposit form and as long as I receive it by the 15th of the month, the information will be entered into the system and the first month is always a test run to the bank, so the check will still be mailed to you. The following month, as long as I do not receive any errors from the bank, will be direct deposit. As earlier stated, you will continue to receive the two forms in with your checks every month. If you have completed a form, no need to fill out another one.

#### **Tribal Council December Calendar of Events**

- I Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 2 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 8 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 9 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 15 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 16 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

#### **Tribal Council January Calendar of Events**

- 5 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 6 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 10 Tribal Council Meeting, Community Center, 10 a.m.
- 12 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 13 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds New Buffalo, 10 a.m.
- 19 Offices closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr Day
- 20 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.
- 26 Tribal Council Special Session, Administration, 10 a.m.
- 27 Gaming Authority Closed, Four Winds Hartford, 10 a.m.

Please check the website, www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, or call (888) 782-2426 before attending to confirm that a meeting has not been cancelled.

# Notice of Open Position | Financial Services Manager | Chi Ishobak

JOB SUMMARY The Financial Services Manager will oversee all financial products and services for Chi Ishobak, Inc., a private, non-profit, community development financial institution serving the tribal citizens of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians in a 23-county service area (the Tribe's federally designated 10 county service area and adjoining 13 counties) in southwest Michigan and northern Indiana. The Financial Services Manager is responsible for underwriting, originating, closing, servicing, and monitoring the portfolio of loans and Individual Development Accounts (IDA) in support of Chi Ishobak's mission, operations, and growth potential.

**CHI ISHOBAK MISSION** It is the mission of Chi Ishobak is to provide Pokagon citizens with access to affordable capital for the purposes of small-business loans and individual financial development through collaborative and education-oriented lending services, and to practice responsible lending in order to protect loan capital for future generations of tribal citizens.

**DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES** Within the respective business areas of the corporation, the Financial Services Manager will:

- Respond to loan, IDA, and technical assistance inquiries in a timely, responsive, and respectful manner;
- Conduct due diligence and detailed financial analysis on financial requests and prepare credit memos and recommendations under established loan policy and program guidelines;
- Coordinate and conduct timely loan and IDA closings to include: Negotiating terms, preparing commitment letters, reviewing due diligence items, ordering and reviewing loan documents and disbursements;
- Maintain credit quality by monitoring borrower compliance with loan covenants and repayments, analyzing financial statements and other borrower reports, making site visits and collateral inspections as needed, and preforming risk rating under Chi Ishobak's established loan policies;
- Uphold portfolio quality through receipt of payments and deposits, charge-offs, and recovery activities as needed to minimize losses;
- · Maintain current borrower, loan, and financial information;
- Provide individualized technical assistance to any tribal citizen, within Chi Ishobak's service area, involved in the creation or expansion of a business by assessing business plans, analyzing financial statements, and providing practical and sound advice to enhance and strengthen the project's success;
- Assist clients with personal financial management and credit building efforts;
- Develop and maintain positive relationships with CDFl's, banks, credit unions, tribal organizations, federal government agencies, foundations, and public/private organizations that may further Chi Ishobak's mission;

- Coordinate with other Pokagon Band departments to work with tribal citizen referrals;
- Participate in strategic planning, budget development, outreach efforts, and other organizational activities in coordination with the Executive Director;
- Meet regularly with and prepare reports as requested by the Executive Director;
- Attend meetings, trainings, seminars and conferences as deemed necessary to increase and improve knowledge and skills;
- Additional job-related duties as assigned by the Executive Director.

**POSITION REQUIREMENTS** Candidates must have the following minimum qualifications to be considered for the position of Director of Financial Services:

- Bachelor's Degree preferred and 1 to 3 years of experience in business, finance, banking, and/or lending.
- Strong oral and written communication skills, including financial reports, performance reports, and executive summaries.
- Demonstrated skill in using computers, Microsoft Office Suite, and financial software.
- Must be willing to submit to a background check (includes credit report) and drug screen upon hire.

**PREFERRED CORE COMPETENCIES AND SKILLS** Preferred candidates for the position of Director of Financial Services will have the following core competencies and skills in addition to the minimum position qualifications:

- Demonstrated interpersonal skills, establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with tribal, federal, state, regional and local agencies/organizations, community leaders, and the general public.
- Demonstrated exemplary customer service and the ability to work with people from varied cultural, educational, and economic backgrounds, specifically Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians tribal citizens and other Native Americans, through the various services provided by the organization.

**COMPENSATION** Salary will commensurate with applicant's experience and educational background

#### **DEADLINE TO APPLY**

Friday, January 2, 2015

#### Send resumes to:

Chi Ishobak, Inc. Attn: Financial Services Manager P.O. Box 766 Dowagiac, MI 49047

# **Tribal Office Directory**

Administration Information Technology 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998 Toll Free (800) 517-0777 FAX (269) 782-6882

Commodities (269) 782-3372 Toll Free (888) 281-1111 FAX (269) 782-7814

Communications 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-8998

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Chi Ishobak 415 E Prairie Ronde Street (269) 783-4157

**Education and Training** 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-0887 Toll Free (888) 330-1234 FAX (269) 782-0985

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South Bend Area Office 3733 Locust Street South Bend, IN 46614 (574) 282-2638 Toll Free (800) 737-9223 FAX (574) 282-2974 (269) 782-8998

Tribal Council 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 782-6323 Toll Free (888) 376-9988 FAX (269) 782-9625

Tribal Court 58620 Sink Rd. (269) 783-0505/ FAX (269) 783-0519

Tribal Police 58155 M-51 South (269) 782-2232 Toll Free (866) 399-0161 FAX (269) 782-7988

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Maxine Margiotta (269) 783-6102

Secretary

Audrey Huston (269) 591-4519 Treasurer

Clarence White (269) 876-1118

Member at Large

Ruth Saldivar (269) 214-1279

### **Senior Youth Council Directory**

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Member at large

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Nicole Holloway

Interim Youth Culture Coordinator

(269) 462-4325

# **Junior and Senior Youth Council Members Wanted**

Both Senior and Junior Youth Councils are open to any Pokagon youngster. Anyone can join, and eventually run for the executive board. Besides the age divisions, there are differences between the two groups. The Junior Youth Council provides a voice for native youth between the ages of 12 and 18. The Council promotes the development of future tribal leaders through educational attainment and Potawatomi language, culture, pride, and identity. The Junior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for native youth to interact for fun and friendship.

The Senior Youth Council provides a voice for Pokagon citizens between the ages of 18 and 24. The Senior Youth Council also coordinates community service projects and provides opportunities for Pokagon young adults to interact for fun and friendship. The Council mobilizes members toward positive goals, promotes the development of future tribal leaders and educates native youth about tribal government.

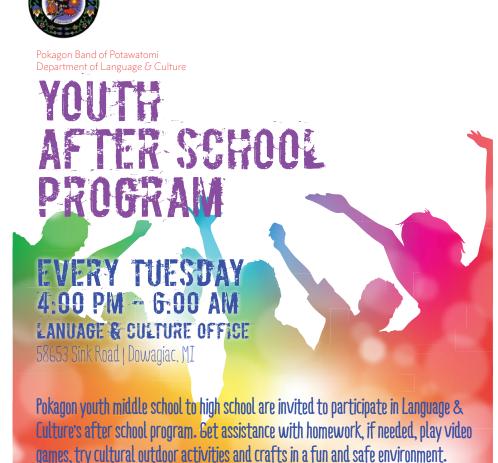
# Pokagon Band of Potawatomi ELDERS SNOW REMOVAL MONETARY REQUEST

This program reimburses Pokagon elders anywhere in the U.S. for residential snow removal services. You are responsible for finding your own service provider. This program does not cover shoveling or snowblowing, or elders living at the Pokégnek Édawat village or complexes where this service is already provided for you. This is for residences, not businesses. Call Elders Hall at (800) 859-2717 or (269) 783-6102 with questions.

Name:	Current Address:
City:	State & ZIP Code:
Phone Number:	Tribal ID #:
	SNOW REMOVAL SERVICE PROVIDER INFORMATION
Name:	Current Address:
City:	State & ZIP code:
Phone Number:	Business Name:
Please complete the above application and send it, along with your service provider's invoice or receipt, to Elders Council P.O Box 180, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047. No hand written, unofficial receipts will be accepted.	
Signature of Applic	cant:Date:
By signing, I agree that all information provided on this form to be true and correct. I verify that I am the head of household of this residence. I understand this request is limited to up to \$25 per request, and that I am responsible for any amount greater than \$25. I understand that the request is limited to \$150 one time use throughout winter 2015.	

To download a PDF of this application, visit pokagon.com/citizens/

milestones/55-and-over





ave you ever wanted your own regalia to dance at powwows but didn't know how to make one or don't have the ability financially? Then this is your program! We are inviting individuals who want to learn basic sewing, beading or other skills to start and finish their own unique regalia.

The Department of Language & Culture would also like to invest in your commitment by reimbursing the first 5 people who complete their full regalia will be eligible for reimbursement up to \$500.

January

For more information, please contact Daniel Stohrer at (269) 462-

or daniel.stohrer@pokagonband-nsn.gov

Sunday, January 11 Sunday, January 25

February

Sunday, February 1 Sunday, February 15

March

Sunday, March 8

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Sunday, April 5 Sunday, April 19

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Sunday, May 3 Sunday, May 17

All classes are 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Community Center 27043 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac, MI 49047

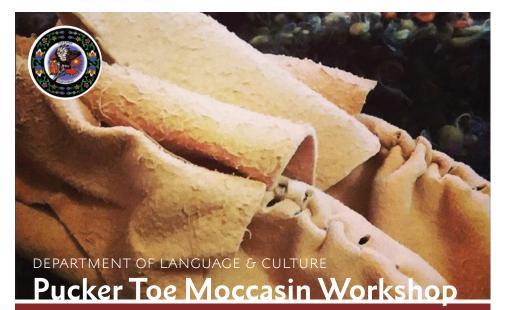
For more information, contact Nicole Holloway at (269) 462-4325 or nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov.





For more information, call Commodities at (269) 782-3372 or (888) 281-1111.





January 3, 2015 1:00 pm-5pm Language & Culture offices 58653 Sink Road

Dowagiac, MI 49047

Join instructor Frank Barker for a hands on workshop making pucker toe moccasins. The class is limited to 20 people, first come first serve, and you must register to participate.

Register online at pokagon.com/form/moccasin-workshop or by calling or emailing Language & Culture at (269) 462-4325or nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov.





The Department of Housing and Facilities has storage units available for rent. You must be a tribal citizen over the age of 18.

- > Units are 9' X 11'
- Units cost \$35.00 a month with a one-time deposit of \$35.00
- Large Vehicle Storage (i.e. campers, boats, etc.) is available at \$1.00 per linear foot

Dowagiac, MI 49047 (Across the street from Community Center)



For more information, please call Housing and Facilities at (269) 783-0443 or (877) 983-0385.



Wednesday, January, 14, 2015 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians The New Wellness Center Multipurpose Room

To Sign Up, Go to www.miblood.org and Enter Sponsor Code: pbopi For Questions, Contact Becky Price @ (269) 462-4405





pre-donation http://youtu.be/IPB6L1e9Hkk









Saturday, December 13, 2014 2:00pm // Dowagiac High School, Dowagiac, MI

This is a support group for parents and guardians raising Nishnabe youth within our Pokagon community. Lunch will be provided.

To reserve your spot, or for more information, please call the Department of Language and Culture at (269) 462-4325.

It takes a village to raise a child.



# **Drum Classes**

#### **South Bend Drum Class**

3733 Locust Road South Bend, IN 46614 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

#### 2014

2015 November 5 January 7 December 3 February 4 March 4 April 1

#### **Dowagiac Drum Class**

Department of Language and Culture 586853 Sink Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047

#### 2014 2015

November 12 January 14 December 10 February 11 March 11 April 8



For more information, please contact Nicole Holloway at (269) 462-4325 or nicole.holloway@pokagonband-nsn.gov.



**Sunday, December 14** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **Community Center** 

24703 Potawatomi Trail Dowagiac, MI 49047

his holiday season, give your kids the gift of fun while you go Christmas shopping or finish holiday preparations. The Department of Education has a day of holiday cheer planned for kids ages 4-12 registered in our PreK-12 program. Christmas crafts/gift making and other fun activities will keep them busy until you return.

Lunch will be provided.

# Can't Get to Elders Council Business Meetings? Participate Via Webcast

Business meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at the Community Center in Dowagiac. For your convenience the meetings are now broadcast on the internet to listen in on what is going on with the Elders. If you are able to take advantage of this—please do!—Elders business meetings are called to order at 11:00 a.m.Visit the Pokagon website to access the webcasting: www.pokagonbandnsn.gov/citizens/web-casting. Any questions, please call Stanley Morseau, Elders Chairman, (269) 783-6828.

Don't forget our social lunches held every third Thursday of the month. On these days we may have holiday parties, special events, or games. Every weekday a hot lunch is served at the Elders Hall. You are welcome to come to meet new elders you may not know or visit your friends.

#### Riddle

Last month's riddle winner is **Michael Mcbride** who answered, "What's inside a genie's turkey?" The answer was "A wishbone."

**Liz Serba** has also won a gift card for her riddle being selected. Check it out. Why is Rudolph so good at playing trivia?

Mail in your correct answer or e-mail it to susan.doyle@pokagonband-nsn.gov and you will be entered in a drawing to win a gift card. Another way to win is to mail or e-mail your own riddle and the person whose riddle is selected for the next newsletter will win a gift card.

## **Upcoming Cultural Opportunities and Workshops**

#### **Beginning November 1**

Come to the Language and Culture Department's new office at Rodgers Lake anytime between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to work on your regalia or make traditional craft items with assistance from a staff person. Call Nicole Holloway

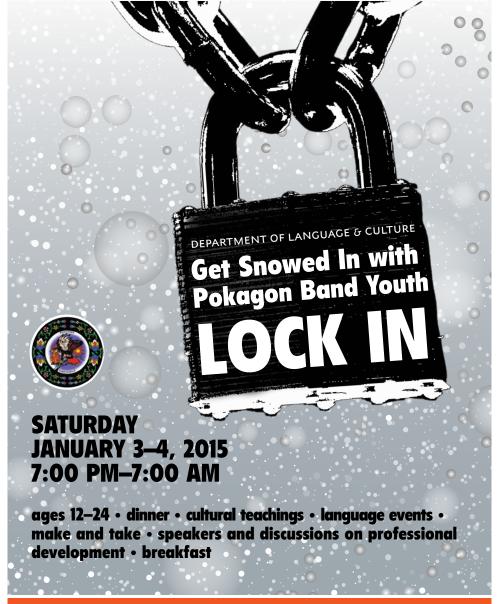
at (269) 462-4325 for more information or to reserve time after hours.

#### Each Sunday, starting January 4, 2015

Join other Nishnabe for regalia and moccasin making, mitten making, basket weaving workshops, cultural teachings from noon to 5 p.m. at the Community Center. Stay tuned for more details.

Do you have a traditional skill or specialty that you'd like to share with other community members? The Department of Language and Culture would like to hear from you about leading or helping out with our workshops. Call Nicole Holloway at (269) 462-4325 for more information.





# **Bbon gises** December Citizen Announcements



Happy Belated Birthday to

Ethan Howell, 11 years old on November 20 Emily Howell, 11 years old on November 20 Darrell (Bubba) Howell III, 2

years old on November 20

Congratulations to Matthew Brown and his cross country team for winning their conference and placing second at their regional competition!

Way to go, and good luck at the

state meet!



Congratulations, Ryan
Grigonis on your position as accountant for the National Congress of American Indians in Washington, D.C.
Your familly is so proud of you.

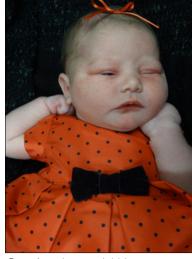
Congratulations to our n
Myrissa Rowe, a second grader at Sister Lakes Elementary School, for scoring well above average math, reading and language. Math is Myrissa's

Mother Karen Grigonis, sister Alsion Grigonis, grandparents Art and Faye Magnuson, all the Magnusons and Williams family.



Congratulations to our niece Myrissa Rowe, a second grader at Sister Lakes Elementary School, for scoring well above average in math, reading and language usage. Math is Myrissa's favorite subject, but she also enjoys learning the Potawatomi language. She loves to dance (jingle dress and modern), sing and play basketball and softball. We love you!

Uncle Mike and Aunt Shannon



Our family would like to welcome Miss Ruby Rose, born on October 7, 2014 during the Blood Moon to Michael and Charla McKimmy weighing 8lbs 4oz, 20 ½ inches long. Siblings: Charlie, Drake, Andrew and McKie



Congratulations to Patty Jo and Vincent Kublick who were married October 29.



- We will provide the movie ticket, popcorn and pop!
- Please note this movie is rated PG
- 🖔 Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Limit of two adults per family.

This opportunity is being made available to households of Pokagon Band youth 17 years and younger. A limited number of tickets will be available for the next showing if there is an everflow.

The movies will still be shown on December 6, regardless of weather but please use good judgment in driving in case of bad weather.

Questions? Please contact Melissa Rodriguez at (269) 462-4203





Department of Language & Culture Junior and Senior Youth Councils

please join us for a

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

# DECEMBER 13 FROM 6:00 PM TO 8:30 PM DOWAGIAC UNION HIGH SCHOOL

Dinner served at 6:15 pm • Holiday music • Raffle giveaways • Decorate and take home holiday cookies • Cookie decorating contest • Make and take holiday crafts • Moccasin games • Basketball free throw contest • Visit from Santa

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www.pokagonband-nsn.gov/calendar/event/christmas-party